THE TIMES

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don to Liveocol or Manchester from £10.23 to £11.53.

Many other rail charges will also be increased. Parcel rates

will go up by an average of 123

sion of Mr Nchard Marsh, chair-

man of the ailways hoard, pas-sengers are already travelling in condition unfit for cartle.

travellers cm look forward to brighter prospects. In March a

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North-east and eastern Scotland.

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By a Staff Roorter

Weekend decision on Mr Stonehouse's future in Australia

A decision on Mr John Stonehouse's request to stay in Australia will be made today or tomorrow, the Australian Minister for Immigration said in Melbourne vesterday. The Labour MP disappeared from Miami last month. Yesterday his secretary

said in London that she knew some of the people Mr Stonehouse was probably thinking of when he claimed that he was the victim of claimed that he was the victim of blackmail and smear campaigns which had led to a "brainstorm" and his desire to assume a new identity.

The first acrease had been widely expected and only its timing was 1 doubt. In spite of a 12! percent rise in fares and freight charges in June, which yieled £70m extra, British Rail till expects to end this year wir a deficit of about \$10m. and his desire to assume a new

'Even chance' of his staying

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 27

Mr Clyde Cameron, the Ausraliau Mioister for Immigra-tion, said here today that he would give a decision within the next 48 bours on the future in Australia of Mr. John Stone-bouse, the British Labour MP. bouse, the British Labour MP.

The said there was an even chance that Mr Stonehuuse would he permitted to remain, if he wished to do so, provided he could prove he was a member of the House of Commons. As such be would be exempted from any part of the Immigration. from any part of the Immigra-non Act requiring him to have an entry permit, As a British Labour MP be would be ivel-comed by the Australian Gov-

Mr Camerou said that as far as he was aware Mr Stonebouse had not committed any offence in Australia.

Mr Stoochouse remained today at the Commonwealth detention centre in a Melbourne suburb, where he was visited by his wife.

Mr J. A. Patterson, his lawyer io Melhourne, told reporters he had been io touch with officials of the immigration. tion department and had assured them that his client could be positively identified at

He pointed out that the Victoriau and the Commonwealth rolice bad positively identified Mr Stonehouse and he had not demed his identity. Mr Patterson said that if Mr Stouehouse was released be would prohably find a place to live in Australia. His wife would juio him.

Staff Reporters write : Mr James Charlton, the man who last saw Ill Stooebouse, the MP for Walall, North, teo minutes before it disappeared from a Miami each on November 20, is ex. Mrs Sheda Buckley at her ected to hreak his silence in parcots' bome yesterday.

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Rising operating costs have forced P & O to take out of service the educational cruise ship Nevasa, thus disappointing thousands of schoolchildron

· booked to sail on hoard her next year. The group say the decision will mean they will be

able to keep running the Ugaoda, their other educational

The Ulster Defeoce Association,

largest of the Protestant para-

military groups, says it rejected a Provisional IRA offer of peace talks before the ceasefire announcement. Page 2

Two buurs and 20 mioutes of play were lost in the third Test

match in Melbourne yesterday

because of bad light and rain.

Australia have scored 63 for 00 wicket in reply to England's 242

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Rain halts Test

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on the West for support in Peking view of the events of the past down i year, writes David Booavia. Unioo.

a statement that could unravel turbed by the affair and is the final threads of the mystery. chousing his time to speak."

A business associate of the mun who is acting chairman of Loodon Capital Securities in Mr Stonehouse's absence said yester. day that Mr Charlton would be producing the statement soon. It could shed light on the mysterious figure who wrote to Mr Stonehouse in Australia during the MP's four-week disappear-

ance.

Mr Charlton, a barrister, who is expected to assume the chairman-hip of London Capital

Carms that he was helog Diackmailed in Britain and that this led to the "brainstorm" which furced him in disappear while in Miami on business with Mr Serurities, stayed at a secret address with friends during. Christmas after ordering his staff to keep silent on the affair. An associate said yesterday;

Charlton.

Mr William Mulloy, Labour MP for Ealing, North, and a former parliamentary private secretary of Mr Sionehouse, called yesterday for an investigation of the allegations by Mr Siouehouse, which have amazed business associates of the former minister. One theory is that Mr Stooehouse has exaggerated what are largely business pressures. He remains totally unperness pressures.

Charlton.

Mrs Sbeila Buckley, his secretary, however, insists that he was being blackmailed and that that and smear campaigns led to his urge to start a new life

Mr Charlton has not spoken to police since Mr Stonebonse,

Police in Britain are keeping

a watching brief nn the situation in Australia before making in-

quiries in Britain. They will then be investigating Mr Stunehunse's

claims that he was lieiog black

in Australia.

Mrs Buckley, who is 28, said
Mr Stoochouse bad heen under great pressure, and added: "He looked considerably older. He was obviously suffering a great

deal."
She would not say whether the alleged blackmail was in fact husioess pressures, but added: "He spoke of blackmail and I merely confirmed that this was the case." Mrs Buckley, who was speak-

iog at her parents' bome in Abhey Wood, South-east Loo-don, said that she had not been seen by the police, but she would be happy to talk to them



expected to be the oext chair-

iug the Treasury to sell 25 mil-liou uunces during 1975.

Continued on page 2, col 1 Nine killed in train collision at gold in the new year pruved an encouragement to buying. Senator William Proximire, who is expected to be the next chair

Lisbon, Dec 27 -Two trains collided outside Lisboo's maio railway station today, killing nine people and lojuring 65. One train was slowing duwn to come into the Santa Apolooia station and the other had just pulled out for the oorthern towo of Coimbra when the

accident happened. First reports from a fire brigade chief, who went to the sceoe, said at least 1S people had died; but this was later amended by other officials. Eyewitnesses said the collisiuo occurred after the last coach of Chinese leadership After the disappointment of the Russians and the Americans, Peking has begun playing down its fears of the Soviet Unioo. Page 4 the oorth-bound train jumped the rails and crashed ioto the occoming one. Radio attations immediately appealed for nur-ses and doctors to report 10 their nearest hospitals to help

Escape ends: Iwo dangerous men who broke out uf Rampton meotal bospital, Nottioghamshire, on Christmas Day were recaptured by police yesterday seven miles away to treat the injured. The train bound for Coimbra was filled with soldiers on leave who were going to spend the New Year with their families. Bomb compensation: Any Post Office workers injured by ter-rovist explosions are to get immediate aubstaorial cash pay-ments 2 Many of them belped in the rescue work. One soldier, Cor-poral José Joaquim Lopes, said it was a miracle that he had not been killed.

Education pay: The general serretary of the Assistant Mas-"I suddenly found onyself with my left leg stuck under-neath a seat. There were many icrs' Association can's leachers to unite and accept Associatioo calls on people oo top of me. I started screaming for people to let me ont, but some could not nove because they were dead."—

From Richard Wigg

At least 40 coal miners were

Paris, Dec 27

Planning: Greater Maochester County Council is well ahead with its scheme to take public's Jack Benny dies views ioto account in projects fur the area-Beverly Hills, California, Dec 27.—Jack Benny, the come-dian, died last night of stomach The Hagoe: Dispute grows over Dutch Government subsidy to Marxist theatre group 3 cancer. He was 80, though he claimed be was 39 years old right up to the day be died.—

Washington: Passage through

Congress of the Trade Bills indicates the upsets that lie on Page 13 the rocky road to déteote

Rooald Hayman; William Gaom on au exhibition of British Sporting Pictores at the Hayward Gallery Sport, pages 13-15
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killed early today by an under-ground explosion sooo after they had begue the morning shift down the Lens mine at Lievin, near Beihune, in northern France. Six other miners were later rescued by pit volunteers and taken to local bospitals badly injured. Bodies were dug frum

under great masses of earth. The miners, from a small town of 30,000 inhabitants, a typical centre of the grim Pas-de-Calais coal mining region. had all gone back to the pits this morning after five days' Christmas break. At 6.15 am, only 15 minutes after they were at the pit face, about 2.000f1 underground, they were

minutes after starting shift announced officially by a Bérhone examining magistrale Charbonnages de France, the French state coal board, has not made any statement on the disaster.

President Giscard d'Estaing sent a message of sympathy to the dead miners' families and ordered M Michel d'Granu. his Minister of Industry, tu

visit the thine. The cause of the blust is belicved to be either a condust explosion, due to an accumu-lation of coal particles in the atorosphere underground, or fire-damp, the explosive huilt up from carburetted hydrogen

in the sir. Surviving miners were not able tu give any conclusive im- around the pithead. pressions and investigators

were examining both pussibilities.
An official of the management, the Houitleres du Pas de Calais, emphasized that the night shift down the same pil had reported only a very weak fire-damp coefficient. "There is no explanation for this lities.

Suddenly every bing how up to the mine", was all that a survivur could say as he was brought on by rescuers.
What happened was

horrible." The explosion hamnered the rescuers getting out the surmorning the death oil climbed slowly and the see of the tragody became there as gathered (amilies

fi; and from London to Guild-furd from E1 to £1.08. A guarterly kason ticket from Displaced: Mrs M. Gatis, one of the thousands of refugees flown out of devastated Darwin, clutches ber daughters, aged three and 14 months, as she is about to board a rescue aircraft yesterday. London to righton will be increased from £70.20 to £79 and from Londo to Guildford from £54 to £60.8.

Australia takes up challenge of rebuilding ravaged Darwin

From Our Correspondent Melbouroe. Dec 27

Under the new increases the ordinary rearn fare from London to Abelieeo will rise from £21.07 to £2.73; from Loudou to Glasgow & Edinburgh from £17.08 to £12.24; from Londoo to Newcasti inpoo Tyoe from £13.40 to £11.09; and from London to Liveppool or Manubecter. Dr Cairns, the Deputy Prime Dr Carris, the Deputy Franc-Minister of Australia, returned in Melbourne today, after a day spent inspecting the devastation in Darwin. Red devastation in Darwin. Red eyed and weary. Dr Cairus was enoutonally disturbed by what he had seeo and heard, and his face showed signs of strain.

He told reporters: "Durwin bas been completely devastated.
The rehuliding of the city with
he the greatest national
challeoge the Austrabian people

will go up b an average of 12; per cent omorrow. Sleeper berths will be increased from £2.60 to £4 (first class) and from £2.40 to £2.70 (second class), from January 26.

Platform tickets will be doubled to 4p, and 2p will be charged for the use of station lavatories, tar parking and luggage in awance charges will also be raised. The Price Commission 5 considering a separate amlication for an increase in till ratering charges. The increases will only help to provide the size of with the for any improvement in services. Darwid will be rebuilt, but some of the homeless, the sick and the injured is being site. It will baxe to be better stepped up.

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stations are planned on Southern Region, spere, on the admis-

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Australia as a pation. We will "The Prince of Wales all help, Government and seof the following message to Opposition must joio together. Sir John Kerr, the Governor Geoeral: "Please conney my deepest, sympathy to the relatives of all those who lost their lives in the terrible storm in Darwin and to those who are

will start roming between Pad-diogtoo and Bristol and South Wales." Fity-nine "high-speed trains are being built for the Mr Marsh's criticisms, page 17 been flattened, trees have been stripped of their leaves and to solve cases eren the bark, and there is hardly a building in the city of 40,000 residents which has escaped damage; 90 per cent of the bomes have heen wrecked. Darwin looks like Hiroshlora.

In the stricked city dozens of

like Hiroshlora. of clearing away the wreckage, bringing in occessary supplies to get the facilities working

of the wreckage of the uld one ter, arrived in Perth lale today

"It is too important historical from Loodon, He will fly to

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'Nearly 50 people are dead aircraft have heeo flyiog out build the authorities fear more hundreds of refugees and brings budges will be found budged in a result in a refugee and brings budges will be found budged. bodies will be found hursed ing in much needed supplies, under the debris." Dr Cairus A British submarine is als weot on. "Gradually the work expected in monorrow with A Eritish submarine is also expected in monorrow with special power, lighting and other equipment.

It was annouoced today that 25 of the 45 people known to have been killed by the cyclooe have been killed by the cyclooe have been identified. Among the dead were three babies and five rbildren. A few of the hulldings left standing were to hulldings left standing flag.

Documes and nurses were today giving residents injections against tetamis, typhoid, small-pox and rholera. With the high humidity and temperatures, disease has become a real threat. Many people bare not been able to wash for three days and a hor bath bas been out of the question.

Among the supplies flown in today were milk and beer. This will help to relieve the straio of the water shortage until the

£1,000 grant to the Queen for cottages From Dur Correspondent

From the Correspondent king's Lynn
The Queen is to be given 11.000 from public funds to cunvert two contages joto one ou the 20,000 acre Sandringham estate, it was disclosed yesterday. West Norfolk District Council is making its first improvement grant to the Queen since it came into being in April under lucal government reorganization.

ment reorganization.
The Queen mans 350 cottages at Sandriugham, which is a private possession of the Royal Family. In receur years she has carried out extensive moderoi-zatini uf cottages on the estate.

Mr. Bryan Beaumont, the council's chief covironmeout, health officer, said yesterday:

"We dealt with this application in the same way as we mould in the same way as we would trim any other person: It con-cerus a couple of old cottages at Appleion. They are in very poor rondition and are being converied into one decent divelling for use by a farm

worker.
"Some of the old outbuildings are being knocked down and a certain amount of building is being dooe. This will provide a siring room, dinion provide a siring room, dinion room, kitchen and utiling room domastairs and four bedronms and a bathroom upstairs. The inial cost of the work is vasily in excess of the grant of \$1,000."

The Queen, who is going in Sandringbam today for a fourweek boliday, trill stay in a property which she has modernized for berself. It is the six-bedroom Wood Farm House. at Wolferton, two miles from

at Wolferton, two miles from Sandringham. The farmhouse was falling into disrepair when the Queen took it over and restored it.

The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward will stay at Wood Farm because 91 rooms at Sandringham House have been demolished and 18 are lieiog rebuilt to make it more economical. It is believed the economical. It is believed the scheme, including other repairs. is costing the Queco well over £250,000.

Mr and Mrs Wilson land in a gale

The Prime Minister, with Mrs Wilson and their younger son. Giles, laoded by helicopter as St Mary's, in the Isles of Scilly. In a gale vesterday. They are speeding about a week on the islands during the Christmas recess.

recess.
The family had travelled to Provide the Provide to a Royal Naval helicopter.

were lashed by winds of over 75 mph, with thunder, lightning and torrential rain. More damage was caused on Thursday night by heavy rain and wind io most parts of Wales, Room and chimneys were damaged and many houses were flooded in Cardiff and the Rhondda vesterday. Roads were flooded in South Wales.

The Meteorological Office said areas worst affected were the South and South-west. Ou the coast, there had been 50 mph gusts. Oo the mainland the Continued on page 4, rol 8 | fiercest gust reached 80 mph.

Freedom of press 'under attack on all fronts'

From Our Correspondent Geoeva, Dec 27

The freedom of the press is under attack m all froms, the International Press Institute (IPI, Zurkh, reports in its

40 French miners killed by explosion 15

"already weakened by soaring production costs and sagging advertising income."

On the positive side, the survey mentions the role of "the American press as a whole,

International Press Institute (IPI), Zurth, reports in its annual survey.

The institute's director, Mr Ernest Mayer, says: "The institute's director, Mr Ernest Mayer, says: "The press, io fighting for survival as a many-foiced instrument in the service of the citizet, is fighting for the freedom of the peoples of the world.

The result of this fight will be victory for press and critical so loug as democracy and the press within the democratic system go on believing in the value of institutions which guarantee his freedom."

To many countries, too, the effects of the economic-crisis raised the question whether, even apart from the issue of freedom of expression, many of ewpression, was announced: "Everyone there [Fleet Street] seems to live in a world of his till take there is a scare about closure. But they uever seem to believe it can bappen. Even when it does, they soon settle closure. But they uever seem to believe it can bappen. Even of secondary importance but to believe it can bappen. Even now with consequences that when it does, they soon settle could prove fatal for newspapers, back into the old routine."

Redesigned £10 note to be released shortly.

A redesigued £10 uote is 10 be issued early in the new year. It will be followed later by a slightly altered £1 oote. The oew notes will complete the changes planoed in the late 1960s to cut production costs, make way for the 520 unte and introduce new techniques to combat forgers.

The Bank of England brought in the E20 oute in July, 1970; and a ocw E3 design in Novemher of that year.

The identity of the bistorical figure to appear on the reverse face to the Queen on the £10 noic is a closely guarded serrer.

Inflation has played a large part in the wider use of bank-notes. An increasing oumber of 55, £10 and £30 notes are being handled. There are 577 million £5 ootes in circulation and 913 million £1 notes in issue.

When the £10 note was first introduced the issue was ouly 595m. Now there is £775m and the £20 note total has grown to £381m. The sum of notes at present is £5,793m, nearly £800m more than last year.

Newspapers in Italy halted

Rome, Dec 27.—Italians will be reitbout newspapers until Monday because of a 48-hour strike begun today over pay. The strike, also affecting users agencies, follows disruption in newspaper production for most uf the past two weeks caused by printers and journalists staging strikes.—Reuter.

£90m oil damage

Tokyo, Dec 27.-The Japancse Government decided today to set up ao emergency headquarters to fight an oil slick which has contamioated more that 100 miles of shore along the Inland Sea. The damage nd the pithead. 10 the fishing industry was put Photograph, page 3 at about £90m.—Reuter.

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UDA says it rejected peace talks with Provisionals before the Christmas ceasefire

From Stewart Tendler Belfast

The largest of the Protestant paramilitary groups claimed yesterday to have rebuffed a proposal for peace talks sent by the Provisional IRA a few days before the ceasefire was

A senior official of the Ulster Defence Association said that Mr Seamus Twomey, a high ranking member of the Provi-sionals' army council, suggested talks with Mr Andy Tyre, a UDA commander. The approach is said to have been made on December 17 to the UDA's offices in Shankill Road, and suggests that Mr Twomey, a former IRA commander in Belfast, may bave heen in the city et tha time.

The ceasefire began last Sunday at midnight, but was announced on December 20, and Mr Twomey could have been discussing it in Belfast earlier

The UDA officer said the offer of talks was rejected because the paramilitary groups have agreed among themselves not to confer with the Provi-sionals, although they have done so on several occasions.
The UDA feels that a ceasefire
is a matter for the British Government rather than itself. Certainly any "loyalist" group that talked to the Provisionals could expect heavy criticism if the fact was disclosed.

Republican sources said yesterday that an approach might have been made, inspired by suggestions from Protestant church leaders who met the Provisionals and initiated the

The aim of talks between the IRA and UDA may bave been to prevent a fresh outbreak of sectarian killings jeopardizing the ceasefire. It is known that wbet*ever may* heve happened last week, a message was sent to the loyalist peramilitary groups on the day the ceasefire was announced, calling on them to prevent fresh murders. far none has been reported.

escape yesterdey from a cram-

ped wooden hox in which they

had been trapped for 24 hours.

hrother Howard, aged nine, and David Starkie, aged eight, all of Broad Road, Sale, Coeshire,

weot to play in the box, in a

builder's yard, on Boxing Day

morning. The wind blew the lid down and the clasp dropped.

Search for

Stonehouse

application

in Melbourne.
The Home Office said that the Director of Public Prosecu-

tions had made no application

for Mr Stonehouse's extradition. bot it is known that Scotland

Yard will he investigating whether he had an accomplice

who helped to obtain the false

passport he used to enter

The passport was in the name

of Joseph Arthur Merkham, a man who died of a heart attack

earlier this year in Mr Stone-house's constituency, and the issuing of it will be investigated

by the Pureign Office.

Another name used by Mr
Stonehouse in Melbourne, that
of Donald Clive Mildoon, was
also that of a man who died in
the constituency. Mr Stonehouse
was said in the Melbourne court

where he appeared on Thursday to have admitted phoning round the hospitals until he

found the death of a man of

his own aga".

The Home Office eaid that forging an application for a

passport was an extraditable offence hut falsifying one was not. A search is to be started

for the application form used

by Mr Stonehouse in the name of Joseph Arthur Markham when the records department of the Passport Office opens on Monday. It will then be studied.

Mrs Barbara Smnebouse, who

joined her husband in Mel-bourne on Thursday night, is expected to remain in Australia

for a week. Her daughter, Julia,

said at tha family home in

Andover, Hampshire, yesterday,

that the family would he making

In Australia Mr Smnehouse

said: "For two years pressures had been building up all around me. They became unbearable. I had built up such a diverse

group of companies it became

too much to handle. Like every

other business, cash was sbort,

hut there is no reason why I sbould not bave won through. I

Mr Stonehouse was becoming

in the business world what he

no further comment.

was not allowed to."

community in Britain

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Ross Finegan, aged 10, his

Boys free after 24 hours

Three hoys used a nail to the time they counted trains on scape vesterdev from a cram- a line near by, played games,

trapped in wooden box

Mr Twomey possibly also fast cinema where the show had wished to explain the Provisionals' current political thinking to the UDA and explore its became angry when they were views on a longer ceasefire.

Today marks the sixth day of the ceasefire and since Sunday the only report from the Army has been an incident in Londonderry when a patrol was fired on, on Christmas Eve.

The Army's headquarters at Lishurn say it was a quieter Christmas than usual. Republicans say that in some districts of Belfast soldiers have not been in evidence, but in others, more seem to have been on patrol. The Republicans say the only incidents they know of have been two attempts at arrests in Clonard and Andersonstown.

Apart from a dying man found on Boxing Day, the RUC has been engaged in such mundane matters as Christmas car accidents and customers vehe-mently dissatisfied with a Wombles show. Yesterday the RUC stood guard over the Bel-

A description of the woman on the left was issued with that

When it was dark their

parents called the police. Mr Ralph Finegan and his son Ian, aged 14, were out searching

Police cars patrolled the roads, and officers with dogs

searched surrounding land and derelict buildings.

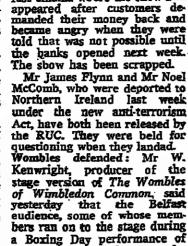
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Solve the clasp dropped a bole large enough to get a bole large enoug

Eventually the hoys scratched

end sometimes prayed.

until the early hours.



a Boxing Day performance of the pantomime, had gone to tha show prepared to find fault (the Press Association report). The pantomime is running in centres, including regional Liverpool, where on Monday the show was abandoned after complaints.



Terrorist bunt: Police yesterday issued these Photofit pic-tures of three people they want to interview after the shooting 25, and his "so-called" wife, of a policeman in Southampton on Christmas Eve. They dis-closed that IRA terrorists bad been operating for six weeks from a house in the city's Portswood snburb. They said they were looking for six IRA mem-hers who mede. a considerable number of bombs in the house. It is thought that the hombs were used elsewhere

of two men after tha shooting

Details of the bomb factory were given by Det Chief Supt Cyril Holdaway, head of Hamp-shire CID. He is heading the hant for Irish terrorists who fired on police when they were Monday. One officer was wounded in the stomach and pelvis and another escaped when his glasses were shattered

A mother yesterday faced the

eight, of her first marriage.

child to Australia today. The mother wept in court as she told Lord Justice Stephenson and

Lord Justice Ormrod; "I have to go tomorrow. I have no choice. I wish I-could stay."

Divorce Court judge's decision year.

Mother is refused leave to

choice between ber husband in stake and the prospects in Aus-Australia and the daughter, aged tralia are very uncertain in-

Her former husband suc said. The mother had said that ceeded in the Court of Appeal her husband went to Australia in stopping her from taking the a month ago.

The father, a London account husband before the end of the

take daughter overseas

Post Office staff hurt by bombs to get cash

By Alan Hamilton Labour Staff

The Post Office Corporation has agreed cash compensation terms for postal workers who are injured in bomb explosions while handling mail.

Talks are still going on between postal union leaders and the Post Office Board on a precise scale of cash benefits for death or injury through terrorist activity. But in the meantime postmen have been told that immediate substantial compensation will be paid in the event of death or injury in an explosion.

The new terms are outlined in a circular from Post Office chiefs sent to local branches of the Union of Post Office Workers. Union leaders met the Post Office for urgent talks on

Post Office for urgent talks on compensation the day after a bomb at the London Museum telephone exchange, near Tottenham Court Road, on December 17, killed a postal worker.

Normally postal souff who suffered injury in such circumstances would have to apply to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, or await the outcome of a lengthy insurance investigation. Staff will still be able to use those channels, but the circular says that the Post Office "will make its own awards within the terms of the common law".

The provisions will also bene-

The provisions will also bene-fit postal staff who have retired early as a direct result of criminal injuries. They will get improved pensions if the Post Office considers the

The new arrangements will apply to all postal staff on Post Office property, or elsewhere on Post Office business and therefore cover letter bombs in a sorting office or bombs in a

Union leaders are pleased. Their main concern in the past has been the length of time taken to settle normal insurance claims.

"This child's future is at

tralia are very uncertain in-deed", Lord Justice Ormrod said. The mother had said that

Both parents, who were divorced in 1970, conducted

The mother said that fears

of delay over new Australian immigration laws coming into

The judges made an interim

order that if the mother left today the girl should stay with her father pending the full

their own cases.



As the season & good will closed, the sales season opened, as seen in yesterday's scribble for bargains at this Oxford Street shoe shop.

force cruise ship's

Thousands of scholchildren booked for educational cruises ebroad next year on he P & O ship Nevasa will not be getting their trips.

The P & O Group amounces today that the Nevia, 20,160 tons, is to be withdawn from service next week ecause of imprecedented rises in operaring costs. It says the tithdrawal may cause a small reluction in staff, but promises toto its best to find them other osts.

The company's other educational cruise ship, the Uganda, is to maintain its programme.

Mr John Sharpe, te group's educational cruising manager, blamed the Nevasa's tithdrawal on a four-fold increse in the price of fuel oll, ind crew, maintenance and support costs, which bed risen fashr than it had been possible to increase

P & O said that pissengers, education authorities; and students booked on the Nevasa were being told of the decision, and where possible were being and where possible were being offered accommodation in the Uganda. But, a spokesnan said, hobiously with a dozar cruises gers on each cruise, we cannot accommodate them all, so thousands of youngstes will he disappointed."

The Nevasa was bult in 1956 as a troopship and converted in 1955.

Rising costs | Teachers are urged to accept pay report

Education Correspondent

Mr Andrew Hutchings, general secretary of the Assist-am Masters Association and chairman of the teachers' panel of the Burnham committee, called yesterday for all teachers' unions to accept the main re-commendations of the Houghton

report on teachers' pay.

The Burnham committee which negotiates teachers' pay, is m meet on January 6 to consider the £400m sentlement recommended by Lord Houghton, which would give teachers in-creases of hetween 16 and 32

Lord Honghton's recom-mendations have to be approved by the Burnham committee before they can he implemented, although they were underwritten

in edvance by the Government.

There are fears that the teachers' panel, which has a majority of representatives from the National Union of Teachers, may try to get a better deal for younger members of the profession. They were awarded in-creases of less than 16 per cent and a starting salary for non-graduates of £1,677 plus thres-hold payments of £229, which was much less than the union

wanted.
Mr Hurchings said in London standard lower than the sub-

hrought them much nearer £2,000 a year.

It would he a greet mistake for teachers to allow the recom-mendations to heve e divisive effect", he added. "The important thing for all teachers is to seek in the light of the Hough-ton report the greatest possible common measure of agreement and to work together to get the increases implemented as swiftly as possible."

Teechers should get the increases in February, hefore renewed negotiations for further increases from April 1 during which some of the anomalies in the Houghton settlement could be corrected.

The association is holding its annual council meeting in Lon-don this weekend end is likely to call for a school leaving date about the Whitsun recess. At present, pupils who become 16 after February 1 have to stay on until the end of the summer

Tomorrow afternoon the council will dehate a motion from its Avon branch regretting the reising of the school leaving age to 16. But Mr Hutchings said it was unlikely that the association would go back on its support for raising the leaving age, although it would high to see a better vi-velopment of the day release velopment which allows pupils time off from school to work in

creases advocated by his association, which would have industry. Scottish pressure for £3m

more in final settlement From Ronald Faux

the pay dispute which threatens; pared to give a little bit and to disrupt Scottish education pay some of the Houghman

again in the new year.

Mr John Pollock, secretary-designate of the Educational institute of Scotland, said yesterday that tha teachers would do all they could to resolve the dispute. But he warned management that negotiations on recommendations of the Houghton committee were leaving the possibility of a

settlement very late.
The Houghton committee had recommended £41m, rising to £47m when reconstruction was completed within two years.
"We are asking for an addi-

tional £3m", he said. "Some-thing in that region would guarantee peace in the schools. Edinburgh thing in that region would scottish teachers' negotiators will meet management representatives on Monday to resolve that if management are presentatives on Monday to resolve that if management are presentatives on Monday to resolve that if management are presented to the second award in advance this would provide the solution."

The teachere clearly intend to press for better pay inde-pendent of their Englisb

pendent of their English colleagues.

The institute said yesterday:

"It is too late for joint action. We are at a stage where Scottish teachers will seek to settle the Houghton award on their own initiative. There is independent negotiating mechinery and this is now in action.

"It is too late to hope to benefit from united ection with

benefit from united ection with English or Welsh teachers."

Public houses

dispute Some 350 Scottisb public houses may close within a week because of a dispute involving Tennent Caledonian Breweries, the Netional Association of Licensed Housa Managers and the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Managers of Tennent houses have heen told by the association to refuse further supplies of draught beer

Appeal launched for a Reynolds

Lord Kenyon, chairman of the trustees of the National Portrait Gallery, has appealed for dona-Gallery, has appealed for donations to help to buy Sir Joshua Reypolds's portrait of Laurence Sterne. The appeal comes after "an encouraging answer" from the Government to a request from the gallery for a £40,000 gram.

The gallery was offered the portrait for £50.000 on December 12. Donations may be made to the National Portrait Gallery Trust Fund.

Escapers are recaptured 7 miles from hospital

From Our Correspondent Nottingham

The two men who escaped from Rampton trp security mental hospital, Nottinghamshire, were recaptured by police vesterday after a 38-bour search

by belicopter and on foot. Christopher McAteer and Brian Martin Perkins, both aged 20, were found by a sergeaot with a dog hiding in a plate-layers' hut near Saxilby. Lin-colnshire, seven miles from the

hospital. Chief Supt Richard Richard son said police received a tipoff at 7.30 am that two men were trying to oreak into a car near a railway line near Saxilby. They were found after e two-bonr search and returned to Ramptoo for questioning.

Mr McAteer, from South-wark, London, has convictions for manslaughter, robbery and possession of an offensive weapon. Mr Perkius, from Fagley. Bradford, has convictions for violence end theft. They escaped by sawing through an iron bar on e lavatory window on Christmas Day.

It was the fifth escape from Rampton, which holds many dangerous mentally ill patients, in the past 14 months.

The two men gave up without a struggle to Sergeant Brian George and Constable Daniel Wallace, police dog handlers. They told police they spent Christmas night and Boxing Day hiding in a havester on a few forms. hiding in a haystack on a farm two or three miles from Ramp-

They decided to make for Bradford by following the railwey line north. But they were heading south when seen by a tanker driver.

Sergeant George said: "They

were wet through, tired and cold. We gave them some of our sandwiches."

Arson suspected after mill fires

A hundred families in the villege of Stubbius, near Bury, Lancashire, were eracuated to safety when fire swept through two mills nearby early yester-day. Lancashire police said they

suspected arson.
The fires were at the Rosebank Mill of Traditional Upholstery Ltd, and at the Cuba Mill of N. C. Brown (Storage Equipment) Ltd, 600 yards away. The Cuba Mill was damaged by fire in similar circumstances last

Seven rescued from weir

stretched rates the Ayon at Salford, near Bath, resterday, to prevent a stranded cabin cruiser with seven people on board from tipping over a weir. Then two firemen rowed the seven ashore unbort.

More than 40 firemen and police were involved in the two and-a-half hour rescue oper-ation when the croiser ran aground in flood water at the edge of the weir after its engine failed.

Nameless caller found out

A person who made anony mous telephone calls to a house in Eastcombe, Gloucestershire, was identified yesterday as a

girl aged two. Mr L. E. Evans, of Wester-land, Eastcombe, who received 12 calls hefore the child's mother found out, said yesterday: "We didn't mind the calls, hut the child was running up a hig bill."

Fire damages school Fire damaged part of North-fields School in Hessel Road, Ealing, London, last night. No one was hurt.

Quite a year

1974 was the year of the IRA, Muhammad Ali, the three-day week, Archbishop Makarios, general elections, Richard Nixon the DC10 crash, Ronald Milhench, bottom spanking, Lord Lucan the Flixborough disaster, Patti Hearst and Ronald Biggs . . . all that and much more The Sunday Times analyses tomorrow in its Review of the Year.

Weather forecast and recordings N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Bright periods, raio later: wind SW. strong or gale; max temp 9°C Tomorrow

Today Sun rises : 3.58 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 7.13 em Full Moon : Tomorrow.

Full Moon: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 4.28 pm to 7.36 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.34
am, 6.7m (22.1ft); 12.56 pm, 6.9m,
(22.5ft). Avonmouth, 6.16 am,
12.6m (41.5ft); 6.45 pm, 12.9m
(42.3ft). Dover, 10.3 am, 6.3m
(20.8ft): 10.30 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft).
Hull, 5.9 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 5.28
pm, 7.1m (23.3ft). Liverpool,
10.18 em, 8.4m (27.7ft); 10.42 pm,
8.5m (27.9ft).

Troughs of low pressure will cross England and Wales. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE and Central S Eng.
land: Mainly cloudy, raio at times; wind SW, strong or gale; times; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 10°C (50°F).

f, fair ; r, rain ; s, sun ; sn, snow.

3.6 am 3.59 pm Moon sets : Moon rises : s.3 am 4.48 pm Full Moon: 3.51 am. Lighting up: 4.29 pm to 7.37 am. Lighting np: 4.29 pm to 7.37 am. High water: London Bridge, 1.25 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 1.47 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Avonmouth, 7.6 am, 13.3m (43.5ft); 7.34 pm, 13.4m (44.0ft). Dover, 10.46 am, 6.6m (21.5ft); 11.12 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft). Hull, 5.59 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 6.12 pm, 7.3m (24.1ft). Liverpool, 11.5 am, 8.8m (29.0ft); 11.30 pm, 8.8m (28.9ft).

Sum rises:

E Midlaods, East Anglia: Becoming cloudy with rain at times; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 11°C (52°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; L Paintas / 19 F Lisbon for 11 62 Locarno C 7 45 Locarno C 7 45 Locarno C 7 45 Madrid for 5 41 Majora for 12 59 Nicosia 9
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day: Changeable with rain at times, but sunny periods; temp near normal. Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW, strong, becoming gale: sea very rough.

Central N. NE and E England. W

Midlands: Bright periods. rain later; wind SW, strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

We regret that it has not been possible to include the usual weather charts in this issue.

Yesterday

London: Temo: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C, (52°F); min, 6 pm to 6 pm, 9°C, (48°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 70 per cent. Raio, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.24in, Sun 24hr to 6 pm, 0.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,012.3 millibars, rising.

parliamentary colleagues were wondering yesterday whether he would shortly be applying for the Chiltern Hundreds. For if they wished to see her. "I will do anything I can to help." She did not know who had heen sending mail to Mr Stonehouse them a swift end to his parlia-metary career would be the best a bankrupt or of unsound mind, conclusion to an embarressing or takes an office of profit

Widow tells of visitor who

'brought condolences'

Some of Mr Stonehouse's affair. If he does not apply, moves to expel him may he expected when Parliament reassembles.

But there was also some the Chil-speculation on whether any Manor such request from him would Erskine

More details were disclosed

yesterday of the circumstances about the adoption by Mr Stone-

house of the names of dead con-

stituents for his passport and entry to Australia. Mrs Elsie

Mildoon, a widow, of James Bridge, Staffordshire, com-mented on the use by the MP

of her late busband's name when he was detained in a flat in

Mrs Mildoon, who keeps a newsagent's shop, said that her husband, Donald Clive Mildoon,

died last June from a heart

attack. A month or so later a

tall and handsome-looking man " called to see her.

She continued: "I remarked later than he seemed to know a lot about my husband, as though

ne had checked beforehand. I

thought at the time that this was

part of his joh. He said as be was leaving that if I needed any

belp at any time I should con-

He explained to me that he had called to see me to bring his condolences, which I thought

was nice of him, and he said he

bad read about my busband's

none of them was.

"He asked if we had any financial difficulties and seemed

"He asked if he could have an interview and he said that he was my MP, and wanted to ask

death in the local paper.

Prom Arthur Osman

Melbourne.

tact him.

No bar to stewardship of Chiltern Hundreds be granted. There would seem authority on all parliamentary to be no reason why not. The matters, puts it: "These constitutional position is that an offices are today purely nominal and are ordinarily given by seat. He must remain an MP until Parliament is dissolved un-less he is expelled, is adjudged

> The offices used for bringing about what is in effect a resignation are tha stewardships of the Chiltern Hundreds and tha Manor of Northstead. As

yesterday. But one of her sons said: "We do not have a lot to do with politics and we cannot say whether the caller who

appeared three months after my father's death last March was

The son, who would not be named, said the caller asked a

lot of personal questions about his father's background and

members of the family.

Mr Joseph Arthur Markham,
whose name was on Mr Stonehouse'e passport, was aged 42,
a foundry foreman who had

heen ill for about six months with a beart condition. His hirth certificate, issued in Birmingham, showed be was born on July 12, 1932, and lived at Paddington Street, in the Handsworth district, where his father was a brace can file.

father was a brass cap filer.
Mr Geoffrey Edge, Labour
MP for Aldridge Brownhills,

called yesterday for an inquiry

into the circumstances sur-rounding tha visits to Mrs

It was still not clear yester-

day whether Mr Stonebouse's Labour Party colleagues at Walsall, North, would call for

his resignation at a meeting next Friday of leading members

of the constituency party.

Several of those interviewed appeared bemused by the news

om Australia and inclined to

Markham and Mrs Mildoon.

under the Crown.

the Chancellor of the Exchequer to any member who applies they are posts of honour nowa-

days. Again in the words of Erskine May: "All words which formerly attached honour

authority on all parliamentary to vaca matters, puts it: "These ment." offices are today purely nomi-There is no suggestion that dismay that I was imable to bey are posts of honour nowa- avs. Again in the words of the matter was suh julice." But

to the appointment are omitted, in order to remove any scandal in granting these offices to of Northstead. As persons unworthy of the favour May, the standard of the Crown, who may desire

There was the casein 1954 of Mr Peter Baker, who wrote to the Speaker from Vormwood Scruhs: "I discovered to my Sir Barnett Cocks, a former

Clerk of the House of Commons, said yesterday that within his experience there had been no case of the Chiltern Hundreds being refused to any applicant. Leading article, page 11

MP calls for passport loophole to be plugged

shire, Sonth-east, said. Not only did it enable

people to escape from this country into oblivion, "hut it is an open invitation for people to run a racket in smuggling false passports out of this country to enable others to enter Britain illegally. He added that he would write to the Home Secretary immediately. ately, and would raise the matter in Parliament after the

Christmas recess. He also called for a government investigation into the ex-tent to which the loophole has been exploited by people in recent years. "As I understand it, if one

gets a copy of a hirth certificate from Somerset House of a dead man and merely ensures that he bad never possessed a passport one can simply apply for a passport in his name and get it", be said. "There must now be much greater coordination hetween Somerset House and the Passport Office.

"I want to see an inquiry into how many passports have heen issued in recent years in heen issued in recent years in the names of people who are no longer alive. It abould not be too difficult for the Home Office to check the register of deaths and compare this with the date nn that issue of passports so that we can be reassured that false passports have not been smuggled out of the country in any quantity."

An MP yesterday called on the Homa Secretary to alter the law as a matter of urgency to plug the loophole which enabled Mr Stonehouse to be issued with a passport in the name of a dead man.

"The easa with which this can apparently he done is frightening.", Mr Peter Rost, Conservative member for Derbyshire, Sonth-east, said.

"It is true that in MP bas been blackmailed there should be a very thorough police investigation and the Prime Minister should ensure that this gets frightening.", Mr Peter Rost, Conservative member for Derbyshire, Sonth-east, said.

ally urgent to make sure other MPs could not he open to blackmail. Dr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North, said last night that British passports were heing sold regularly in India, Pakistan and Hongkong. "The people who sell them apply locally for replacements, without any bother", he said. "This is a public disgrace."

Dr Boyson has written to the

Dr Boyson has written to the Foreign Secretary, and plans to raise the matter in the Commons immediately after the

"What makes it worse is that last June I asked the Poreign Secretary how many United Kingdom passport belders had their passports replaced in the last five years in Cyprus, India, Pakistan, and Hongkong. I was told that the records of the numbers of passperts issued were not kept in a way which made it possible to provide this information. "It is astonishing that with

all the bureaucracy there is in this country the Government cannot tell us the number of replaced passports issued in this way. This seems like a grave dereliction of duty on the part of the Poreign Office", be said.
Dr Boyson said he had been

told that young people in those countries, when they ran out of money, sold their British passports and applied for new Mr Tom Torney, Labour MP ones. usually successfully, for Bradford, South, said last means of augmenting income ", night that anyone with informa-

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"He asked if we had any to have been planned. I think financial difficulties and seemed it is disbooourable and be particularly concerned about my should resign." had been in the political world, a rising star. His biggest busi-ness venture was the launching Mrs Jean Markham, of Lichfield Road, Brownhills, whose late husband's name appeared on Mr Stonehouse's passport, declined to be innerviewed Mrstonehouse's passport, declined to be innerviewed Mrstonehouse's passport, and more recently for Walsall, North. Mr Harry Richards, Mr busband's medical history and in 1972 of the £1m banking firm, British Bangladesh Trust. which was recently renamed the London Capital Group. Many of the group's customers are members of the Bangladesb

was my MP, and wanted to ask me a few questions about my husband for a Bill be was preparing about one-parent families. He said that if I felt they were offensive, I need not answer, but none of them was.

"He said if we had any the passion of the press about thair MP.

But Mr John Brady, a leading socialist, said: "In view of Mr Stonehouse taking out this passor in August it appears to have hear planned I think

Contra HOME NEWS____ Public opinion plays part in plans for Manchester Greater Manchester

Irram Joho Chartres

One of the biggest public participation operations conducted by a local authority sace the phrase was coined in since the phrase was coined in the Skeffington report four tears ago is reaching an advancil stage in Manchester. County juncil, now respossible for encure planning that will flect the lives of 2,500,000 apple over the next 20 years, is minuting to analyse data from

eginuing to analyse data from 217,500 "attitudes survey" enducted for it by a public

A million copies of a J. rod-neet called Context have been net called Content have been intributed to every household the new conoty area, which netcles from the Cheshire order to north of Wigan and hich historically grew into the out densely populated area of rimin with scant regard for a welfare of those living in it. Reports of the first surveys Reports of the first surreys aducted into such subjects as polation trends, housing, insport, open land and eco-mic factors will probably be blished as a series of separate aklets from the spring of 75 unwards; and proposals a number of alternative ncture plans are expected to ready by the end of the year. that should enable the coun-to produce its preferred ion" by mid-1976, so that al public discussions can take ice on it before it has to be mitted to the Government the end of that year. A second attitudes survey will bably be conducted to 1976

er the alternative structure

viewing 2,000 people oo

n: have been published. he first survey has involved

minutes. Subjects were selected carefully, with a balance given to communities with similar backgrounds and difficulties on the "cluster" principle.

Further broadsheets will be issued at various stages of the preparation of the structure plan, and from the wbolc process the planning team at the new county hall in the centre of Manchester city hopes to draw in a broad idea of people's views and wishes and build them into the scheme although the planners emphasize that final decisious will still lie with the elected councillors. elected councillors.

They certainly do not expect to be able to please all the people all of the time, and agree that structure plauning, because it its necessarily broad and general terms, is probably one of the most difficult local authority functions to explain

"It becomes much easier to down to the painting of double yellow lines on someoue's shopping street or work out precisely where you are going to put school or a swimming bath", said Mr Harry Fenton, assistant planning officer directly responsible for the participation opera

Each of Greater Manchester's 10 district councils is being allocated the back page of regional editions of the broad-sheet to set out local difficulties. Most district councils are also now publishing civic newspapers in which detailed local planning ideas are described.

"There is still a pretty vast barrier of suspicion about plao-niog to be overcome. Mr Fen-ton said. The first thing we are trying to do is to get away from jargon. There is no magic to the h subjects as bousing, emi-ment, education, shopping word participation. It is really lities and pollution; each in-lew lasting about 45

In brief

New factory for Flixborough

Humberside County Council bas approved plans to build an ammonium sulphate plant on the site of the devastated Flixborough chemical factory, where 28 men died in an explosion seven mooths ago. More than 70 people from villages affected by the blast submitted written objections to the scheme.

I rain kills patient

Mrs Janet Catherine Curtis, aged 53, of Sorn Hill, Sarn, Bridgend, a patieut, walked uunoticed from a hospital yester-day, was killed on the railway 50 yards away by an express

Fishing takeover

A fishing stretch on the upper river Wensum between Attlebridge and Ringland has been acquired by the Auglian water authority for a trial period of a year.

Man dies in prison

Robin Ian Gorton, aged 29, rema oded in custody at Eirmuigham magistrates' court on Christmas Ere charged with possession drugs, died yesterday in Birmingham prison.

Wild boar killed

A wild boar which escaped 12 hours earlier from Coventry Zoo was found dead yesterday on the rathway near by having beco appareotly bit by a traio.

Education pay

A four-page inset on the Houghton report, with full details of the new salary scales proposed for colleges and poly-technics is published today in The Times Higher Education

WEST EUROPE.

W Germans spend 300m marks a year to be frightened

Although the West Germans were as tull of Christmas spirit were as full of Christmas spirit as anybody else this year, you had to look hard to find any signs of it in their favorite newspaper. As I write, I have before me editions of the daily hild Zeitung and its Suoday sister-paper, hild an Sorntag, both published in Homburg.

Bild Zeitung is often luosely likeoed in the Daily Mirrorand this strikes the objective observer as a little hard on the British paper. The only things the two have in contained and a taste for fat beadlines and a taste for fat beadlines and saucy pictures. Pohtically, they could hardly be farther anart. The Bild sells four million copies a day, so probably 10 million people—one-sixth of the West Correspondents. the West German population-

An iotaligant reader of German could probably get through it in four minutes, or five if he idso wants in know what is oo television. It rarely runs in olore than eight text

runs the other chan eight text size pages.

Bild om Sonutage is much fatter, and at the equivalent of 17p a copy, four times as much as the daily, regales its readers with the latest broken royal marriages, war serials and the private lives of people in show business. The Sunday oewspaper uses such large type that there is never room for any actual text on the front

page—just headlines. On Sunday, December 13, a hace headline occupying half the front page said: "Thus died Fritz Szepan", who was a foutballer. Above that, a smaller headline reported: "Princess Grace badly ill."

The essential character of the paper is to seem as the

the paper is to serve as the leading national anust machine. clearly the West Germans like to have a frightware put en them each day; otherwise it could be assumed that they would not speed 300 million marks a year buying it.

For me the headline of the year car out last month. In the very fattest size of type in its considerable arseast under.

its considerable arseoal, underscored in red ink (which seems to be gilding fine gold a little), the main headlior said: politicians shot dead." worked out that this would just about cover the eotice Upper House plus the Federal Cabiner. Then I read to the accompany-tog report that the massacre bad occurred in Ethiopia.

To return to the present on Thursday last week the main headling said: "Voman goes blind through the pill", which should have frightened a few million people here. Yet it is strange boir a Boun

correspondent tends, on arrival at the office, to turn to Bild first uf all the papers. At least be can be sure that it will inject a little colour into the morning -even if that colour is blood



rescue miner tries to comfort a dead colleague's wife in Lievin, northern France.

Restaurant prices are frozen in Paris

From Our Own Currespundent Paris, Dec 27

The price of a meal or a drink in a Paris restaurant ur café is 10 be frozeu from Thurs-

day until March 31. M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the Minister of Economics and Finance, ordered the freeze today after bis price inspectors reported that restautuot prices had gone up in Paris on average by more than 16 per cent io a 12-month period ending October, although the retailers' prices of their provisions showed may on 11 per cent

October Duriug restaurateurs were increasing their prices at an annual equivalent of more than 30 per cent, the inspectors found. The Federation of Paris Hotel, Restaurant, and Cafe Proprietors indicated tuday that its members would accept a three-month standstill, but it it was prolonged there would be

The federation claimted than notivithstanding the recent price increases the running of a Paris restaurant was becom ing steadily less profitable.

M Fourcade ioday also ordered a tightened watch on

shopkeepers' prufit margins. They must be said in future pass oo any wholesalers reductions and stop the practice of

wards for would-be rescuers who died

n Our Correspondent

ro people who died trying rescue others were postously awarded memorial ficates by the Carnegle i Fund Trust resterday. r James Corbett, aged 26, iled, a fire protection ghisman of Sunbury-onnes, was drowned while try-Thames at Subbury oo

several times before they drifted apart. The woman was rescued by another boat but Mr

His citation said: "Mr Corbett's berole efforts to swim-ming rapidly to the drowning woman and supporting ber uotil belp came exhausted him to a point where he was unable to remain affort himself."

Thames at Suobury oo Mrs Margaret Mitchell, ased 42, a bousewife, was at ber fell out of a 20ft skiff bome io Woodford Square, Ken Mr Corbett and some sington Loodon with he.

and reached ber, but she midoight on June 22 ber elec-struggled and both went under tric blanket began to smoulder. several times before they She put the blanket and sheets the bathroom to soak and sprinkled water oo the mattress but about four bours later after they bad all gone back to bed Mrs Mitchell awoke to find the

house filled with smoke.

Her daughters made their way to the ground floor but the visiting child refused to do so through the smoke. Mrs. Mitchell, who was waiting to enter bospitul for an operation, went back to the top floor to lead her down. They became

Dutch subsidy to 'Marxist' group

From Sue Masterman The Hague, Dec 27

The award of a Government subsidy by Mr Harry van Doorn, the Dutch Mioister of Culture, to the theatre workshop group Prologue has ended a period of collaboration between the Government and the Opposition, which lasted through the oil crisis and its economic consequences.

Prologue is an experimental group operating in the sooth of the Netherlands. It performs maioly for schools and workiog meo's clubs, and its message is clear-capitalism is the root of all evil and life for the working classes will only become tolerable uoder a Mir Corbett and some sington, Loodon, with ber two lead ber down. They became is had hired for the after-daughters, aged 15 and 10, and trapped and were overcome by knowing she was unable a nine-year-old friend of ber smoke and fumes. Mrs city of Eindhoven refused to im. he dived fully clothed younger daughter when at about Mitchell's bushaod was abroad. s alist regime. This year the

The subsidizing of experi- under, and Prologue took both theatre projects, workshops, and other theatre oteutal cultural forms which are not self-supporting, is general prac-tice in the Netherlands. Only professional entertainment is

supposed to pay for itself.
Early in December, just before the Ministry of Culture was due to annonoce its decision on Prologue's application for a state subsidy to replace the local subsidies which the group bad been refused, the attack was lannched. Mrs Phia vao Veeneodaal, a Democratic Socialist MP gave ber opinion of Prologue in ao Interview with De Telegraaf, Holland's leading daily newspaper. She was guitted as accusing Prologue. was quoted as accusing Prologue of being a Marxist cover organization, and taking part to irregular activities. Subsequent clashes between the newspaper, the politician and the theatre workshop brought a hardening of atti-

the newspaper and the politi-cian to court On December 16. De Telegraaj was ordered to publish an apology on its front page, which it did. A week later on December 22, Mrs van Veeneodaal was ordered by the judge not to repeat any of the accusations which she could not substantiate in court.

Within hours, Mr van Doorn anoouoced that the state had awarded Prologue a grant; but be added that it was temporary because Prologue, as a regional theatre, should be supported from regional fueds.

Since theo the press has been searching for evidence agaiost Prologue, while the ranks of the Democratic Socialists have been divided into Veeoeodaal should resigo and those who believe that there is more to the affair than political shadow boxing.

South Moluccans attack World Court building

strutors demanding indepen-dence for the south Molucca islands from Indooesia did serious damage to the head-quarters of the International Court of Justice in the Peace Palace in The Hugue today. About 30 people from

About 30 people from Amboo, one of the Moluccas, smashed their way through the glass doors at the entrance of the building and burled first bombs ioto a room on the first floor, hadly burning a Torrich. floor, badly buroing a Turkish carpet 540ft square.

They wrecked the mccbanism of the clock in the mock onedieval tower, shattered priceless huge Chinese vases in the Japaoese room, and smashed the tall candelabra set along the staircase leading to the first

The palace administrator said that it was impossible to

Later 500 demonstraturs, hurling stancs and fire bombs clashed outside the Indooesian Embassy with 150 steel-helmeted police. Eight arrests were made. The demonstrators had

massed outside the office of Mr Joop den Uyl, the Prime Mioister. A small deputation was allowed in to present a peritioo calling for the island's independence and the treeing of political prisoners in Indo nesia, to the Secretary General of the Dutch adminstrative

A spokesman for the demon strators said that they were protesting against alleged tor-ture of south Moluccans in Indonesia.

South Moluccans bving in palace administrator Holland have set up their own republic in exile.-Reuter and

Saddam Hussein on Gold and International Monetary System

Mr. Saddam Hussein, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council in the Republic of Iraq, made the following statement to the Iraqi News Agency on December 26th on the question of gold and the international monetary system.

Mr. Saddam Hussein said:

"We are following the new developments in the gold policy and the interests of the under-developed countries, including the oil-producing countries

"Any country or any group of countries that take any step leading to the intensification of inflation in the world should in our opinion, bear the responsibility of such an action.

"Iraq has repeatedly announced at OPEC and other meetings that the continuation of inflation in the advanced industrial countries would lead, directly or indirectly, to a rise in the prices of manufactured goods, raw materials, foodstuffs and energy, thus increasing the financial burdens of the under-developed countries.

"We do not agree to individualist remedies to the gold policy carried out outside a general international agreement, because though such remedies might lead to the creation of monetary liquidity in the advanced countries, yet they

will inflict harm on the under-developed countries, at least in two aspects: firstly, decreasing the issuance of new private withdrawals that are distributed to the underdeveloped countries, and secondly, increasing the monetary and financial burdens as a result of the rise in the rate of inflation and the deterioration of the standard of living of the peoples of these countries.

"Individual remedies might also drive at enabling the industrial countries to avoid their responsibilities for extending the necessary technical and economic aid to the under-developed countries and at switching the whole burden of these responsibilities upon the oil-producing countries that will themselves become victims of the rise in the rates of inflation.

"We call upon all under-developed countries, particularly the oil-producing countries, to unify their efforts and activities-through the Transitional Committee for Reformation of the World Monetary System, the United Nations or any other international organizations—to stress the need for remedying the question of gold and world monetary liquidity within the framework of an international general agreement."

December 26th

Repercussions of alleged domestic spying by CIA may affect future of leading US politicians

From Patrick Brogge Washington, Dec 27

President Ford is still examining a report on alleged illegal activities by the Central Intelligence Agency prepared by Mr William Colby, its director. He has yet to decide whether to publish it, and in wbat form, but there can be little donbt that it will appear in print fairly soon.

The allegations made by The New York Times are far too serious to be allowed to rest without full investigation. Several congressional committees are bound to demand to see Mr Colby's report-and Mr Colby. It is therefore not to be

files on 10,000 Americans, maintained by spying on them. This would be illegal, hecause the ClA is forbidden to carry ont investigations inside the United investigations inside the United investigations of these behind them.

States.

Spokesmen, official and unofficial, for Dr James Schlesinger, who was director of the agency from January to May, 1973, and for Mr Colby, who succeeded him, have claimed that all illegal activities were

strike

airline

halts El Al

Tel Aviv, Dec 27 .- El Al Air-

lines today grounded all its air-

craft under a government order hecause of a dispute with maintenance workers who staged a

slowdown over demands for

Eleven of El Al's 13 Boeing

747, 727 and 720 jet aircraft

were grounded at Ben-Gurion

airport and the remaining two

were due to arrive bome today. Passengers holding El Al tickets were put on flights by other foreign carriers.

It was the first strike in Israel

since the Government announced a widespread austerity programme and devalued the pound by 43 per cent on Novem-

The suspension of world-wide operations went into effect refused to obey a Government call to end their slowdown.

"It was a drastic move, but it would have heen more drastic to fire them all", said an El Al

hecause times are bad ".

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Dec 27

The Chargé d'Affaires of Equatorial Guinea denied in

Madrid mday allegations that

hundreds of his compatriots had been killed by order of Presi-

dent Francisco Macias Nguema.

But he agreed that a num-

ber of the President's political

opponents had been executed or had died in jail.

The diplomat, Mr Carmello Nyono Nca Manene, also said

that "There are not more than

15 political prisoners" in the country. It gained independence from Spain in 1968. He

added, however, that "subver-sion" against the lifetime Presi-

He said that a number of political figures had died after

two unsuccessful coups. Some, he alleged, had heen involved in both plots, including Mr Antonio Edhjo Edu, a memher

of a provincial council, and Mr Marcos Mba Obiang, a police

Uodar Mr Miki's new plan

to reform political morality, organizations will be allowed

dent was heing soppressed.

stopped as soon as they dis- 1974, the Senate permanent in

The hlame is thus shifted back on to the shoulders of Mr Richard Helms, their predeces-sor, now Ambassador to Iran. However, many strange things

happened, including a large number of suspicious burglaries, as recently as last summer. If it is proved that any of them were the work of the CIA's illegal connter-intelligence arm, then Dr Schlesinger, now Secret-ary of Defence, may lose his joh.

If it emerges that the fruits of these investigations, and the way in which they were carried out, were reported to the President's National Security Council, then its chairman, Dr Henry Kissinger, may suddenly be in serious trouble.

Colby. It is therefore not to be supposed that the secret will be kept much longer.

The newspaper said that it not claim the magazine did discovered that the CIA had had discovered that the secret will be hurgiaries was published in the magazine did that the cIA had had discovered that the secret will be hurgiaries was published in the magazine did that the secret will be hurgiaries was published in the magazine did that the color of the color of

The best known of these burglaries were carried ont against a number of Chilean diplomats in 1972

Among the victims of suspicious burglaries in 1973 and 1974 were the organization Common Cause, in Pebruary,

Maintenance | Minister rejects charge of

leniency to junta men

vestigations (whose chairman is Senator Henry Jackson) in July, 1974, Senator Lowell Weicker in April, 1973, Mr Tad Szulc, a reporter, in February, 1973, lawyers representing various alleged conspirators (tha Rev Daniel Berrigan, the Quakers, the Seattle 7, the Detroit 13, and so on).

and so on).

The curious thing about all these burglaries is that papers were ransacked or stolen but valuables were left behind. If America had not just gone through Watergate this would have higgest story of the be the higgest story of the decade. Even so, it is going to have some very considerable repercussions.

Washington, Dec 27.—Representative Michael Harrington, sentative Michael Harrington,
a Massachusetts Democrat, today filed a law suit against Mr
Colhy, Dr Kissinger and Mr
William Simon, the Treasury
Secretary. In the suit he
alleged that the CIA had
violated its charter by engaging in activities other than
strict intelligence gathering.
The suit named Dr Kissinger
in his capacity as national
security adviser to the President, and Mr Simon hecause
the Treasury dishurses funds
to the agency, even though
Congress had not specifically
authorized this practice.
Reuter.



him are the two sons of the man eulogized in the Arab world for his conduct of the 1973 war against Israel.

Funeral in Cairo of war hero

From Our Correspondent Cairo, Dec 27

Lieutenant-General Mohammad Abdul Ghani al-Gamassi, Egypr's new War Minister, flies to Moscow mmorrow on an urgent mission at the iovitation of Mr Leonid Brezhoev.

From Frank Vogi United States Economics

The Ninety-third Congress passed the Trade Reform Bill and the Export-Import Bank

people breathed a heavy sigh

of relief. Both are important

for the development of world

for the main international trade liberalization negoti-

ations in the new year. The

(£8,200m) in soft loans avail-

ventures by American companies — North Sea oil development will be one of projects to benefit

But both Bills also have

direct relevance to East-West

détente and, thanks to closing amendments, both are in many

respects provocative. The Soviet leadership has demon-strated clearly that it is

in both pieces of legislation. Senior Administration offi-cials in Washington profess

anxiety that the detente road may well he a lot more humpy

than they had hoped.

The Trade Reform Bill took

more than 20 months to get

through Congress, with the delay due primarily m an amendment by Senator Henry Jackson which tied trade con-

cessions for communist coun-tries directly to giving advance assurances of the relaxation of

emigration restrictions.

The amendment was intended by its sponsors to be

seen as an attempt by Coogress to interfere in the domestic

policies of repressive countries.

To minimize the humiliation,

the Russians made secret agreements with President Ford and Dr Henry Kissinger,

many projects to directly.

makes

\$20,000m

The former paves the way

Correspondent Washington, Dec 27

latter

ted by President Sadat last night as War Minister to suc-ceed Field Marshal Ahmed

Ismail, who died in London on Wednesday of lung cancer. It will be the general's first mission abroad as War Minister. Last October he accompanied Mr Fahmi to Moscow for talks at the Kremlin, and this led to Mr Brezhnev's acceptance of President Sadat's invitation to

at the iovination to risit Cairo.

Before his appointment General Gamassi was Chief of Staff of the armed forces and converse worked closely with the late difference and carrying out the Arab offensive against Israel on by General Gamassi for talks with the Russian leaders on the Middle East and to discuss preparations for Mr Brezhnev's hours after.

US senator scores a victory but overplays his

Upsets on the rocky road to détente

hand in tussle with world's superpowers

with full military honours to-day. The corrège was led by President Sadat, high ranking Arab officials and Army chiefs. Thousands of mourners, including Field Marshal Ismail's comrades in arms, walked in the mile-long funeral procession.

Detachments of military police lined the route and took

the salute as the procession passed with the Field Marshal's coffin draped in the red, white and hlack Egyptian flag. The coffin was placed on a

gun carriage, which was fol-lowed by an officer carrying a cushion with the late commander's medals. They included the Collar of the Republic, awarded posthumously to him by President Sadat.
There were sobs as the

General Gamassi's departure coffin was put on the carriage to Moscow will come about 24 hours after the funeral of Field and crowds stood on pare-

visit to Cairo, one on January Marshal Ismail, who was huried meots, balconies and other vantage points, silently carrying banners sainting the Arah hero who bonourahly and gloriously fulfilled his gloriously mission " Cairo radio and television broadcast verses of the Koran and martial music.

There bas heen no indication in Cairo so far whether General Gamassi will be appointed to the post of commander in-chief of the Egyptian and combined Arao forces which was held by Field Marshal Ismail. However, observers believe that General Gamassi, who enjoys President Sedar's confidence, might he given the two posts hesides the

War Ministry portfolio. Cairo, Dec 27.—Cairo police roday used tear gas to disperse a crowd of several hundred stone-throwing youths who were protesting at not heing allowed to join the funeral march.—Reuter.

S Africans 'shot by guerrilla who broke truce

Johannesburg, Dec 27.—The four South African policemen killed in Rhodesia on Christmas Eve were shot dead hy a black nationalist who did not approve of the ceasefire in knonesia's guerrilla war, un-trady Mail reported here today.

In a report from Salishury, the newspaper said that the facts of the killing, which marred what had appeared to be a truce in Rhodesia's two-year-old war in the border zone, were hrought back to base by Police Constable C. G. C. Grohhler, who had been with the four other policemen but escaped with minor

wounds. According to the account, the five South Africans and at least one hlack Rhodesian policeman were patrolling in three vehicles in the Rushinga area of the north-eastern

operational zone. The leading vehicle was flagged down by an unarmed guerrilla who told the police-men that he wanted to give himself up under "terms of the ceasefire".

At this point, a "gang of possibly a dozen terrorists, all possibly a dozen terrorists, all well armed, stepped out of the hush and at gunpoint made the security officers put down their weapons,", the newspaper said. The discussion on the cease-fire continued "with one of the

terrorists arguing strongly against the ceasefire. After a while this man, who carried a machine gun, indicated that the talking was over and opened fire at close range on the South Africans ".

Four policemen died on the rour powermen med on the spot, while PC Grobbler managed to escape.

The Rhodesian African policeman with the groop is still missing. According to one version, he jumped into a nearby river and drowned when the guerrilles appeared. the guerrillas appeared.— Agence France Presse.

clone tore down their house piece by piece. Mrs Jennifer Shackleford said that her husband, Roger, bad sat on a lavatory seat for four hours supporting the crumbling ceiling with his shoulders. The family squeezed into the lavatory, the last refuge

Threat of

in waterless

city's water pipes and plumbin:

Singapore, Dec 27. — Unopened presents under the Christmas tree, houses destroyed by howing winds and strange escapes from the cyclone. These were the stories told by Britons evacuated to Singapore tonight from Darwin. Mrs Halina Davies, of Swansea, said that she and her family had sought refuge under a mattress all night as the creating the control of the control

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Singapore, Dec 27. —

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into the lavatory, the last refuge in the house.

Anne Collins, aged 15, of Northampton, said that her family were about to open their Christmas presents. "Then the wind blew and the roof caved in... We just had time to try and save ourselves—not the presents."

She was one of the 38 Britons on board an RAF Nimrod jet which evacuated them veter.

which evacuated them yester-

One family possessed only a large cardboard box with noth ing but dolls inside. Most of the families had brought only a

couple of suitcases.

The six men, 11 women and
21 children are expected to fly
back to Britain on civilian flights mmorrow and Sunday. A second RAF aircraft was due in Singapore tomorrow with more British evacuees. Reuter.

Our Business News Staff write A spokesman for Lloyd's in London yesterday estimated that the claims on the London insurance market, arising from the Darwin disaster, while sub-stantial, would be "in no way The bulk of the damage was

to homes, offices and small businesses. Most of this would he insured with local companies, some of them subsidiaries of United Kingdom insurance groups such as Commercial Union.

Lloyd's itself had only a minor direct exposure in these claims. But many of the local companies would have reinsured with Lloyd's, the spokesman said. It would take several months before the extent of these claims were known. Leading article, page 11

Escaped convict shoots two

women dead From Our Own Correspondent New York, Dec 27 A farmer's wife and he

daughter were found shot dea near Michigan City, Iodian last night after being hei bostage for seven bours by a escaped convict. A secon daughter, who had also bee held hostage, was foun unharmed, him was taken t hospital suffering from shock.

The police said afterward they had talked to the wome half an hour before. The escaper bad given assurance that they would not be harmed There was a possibility, a official said, that they had tries to overpower the man, who ha been bleeding profusely from cut he received while breaking

a glass door. He had bee serving a 10 to 20 year sentenc for armed robbery. The farm had been surroun ded by police. In the course c. the seven hours they spoke be telephone to the prisoner and to the hostages, and persuade the prisoner to sorreoder. He came out of the house sure dropped two guns.

Esther Williams driving charge

Ventura, California, 27.—Esther Williams, Williams. swimming film star of 1940s, was arrested for drunken driving shortly hefor 1940s. midnight on Christmas eve

police revealed today.

Miss Williams, aged 56
failed a sobriety test, and wa
taken to the Ventura Count
Jail. She was released yester
day on hail of \$300 (£130).

Athens, Dec 27 Mr Evanghelos Averoff, the Greek Defence Minister, to-night rejected accusations that he had enabled members of the deposed junta to survive within the Army hy showing leniency and favouritism towards offi-

and favouritism towards offi-cers responsible for the dictatorship.

In a statement Mr Averoff said that retribution against ing both through the courts, in cases involving penal offences, and by way of administrative or disciplinary punishment

He had, he recalled, suspended some 40 senior officers through a "summary and Draconian procedure", put on

However, the minister confirmed that he had revoked the order suspending four of the 40 officers, and had reduced the terms of four others, "followjunta ringleaders was cominu ing the recommendation of their superiors, hut also because of their behaviour in difficult

Two of the cases had been prompted by bumanitarian considerations. Mr Averoff said be had no doubt that misrakes had

Dr Soares on mission of reconciliation in India

From Michael Hornshy

guese Foreign Minister arrived in India today on what he described as an historic mission of peace and reconciliation to restart a dialogue which has a tradition of centuries.

spokesman. The manpower issue was a pure, unadultera-In a first round of talks with ted disguise because the workers Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, simply want more money than the management can give them, Dr Soares discussed the draft of a treaty providing for a hut they do not want to say so resumption of Indo-Portuguese diplomatic relations, which he is expected to sign next Tnes-day

Bone hroken — Mr Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, hroke his right collarbone in a fall at his suburban home in Tel Aviv today, doctors said. He was fitted with a plaster cast in hospital The treaty also will recognize formally Indian sovereignty over the former Portuguese enclaves of Goa, Diu and Daman, which were wrested

Mr Nca Manene said that about 10 people had died in connexion with the latest plot, but he maintained that they

committed suicide. He claimed

that Dr Manuel Kombe Mandje, former technical director of tha Ministry of Health, whose name

had supplied poison to his

fellow plotters for the mass

Mr Nca Maoene is the only diplomatic representative of his

country in Europe. He agreed

that two Roman Catholic bishops, one of them an African, and a number of Catholic missionaries had left

the country, some of them ex-

pelled, hecause the Church had been engaged in subversion. The Bishop of Malaho (for-merly Santa Isahel), Mgr Gómez Marijuan, was expelled in 1970 because he opposed

the President's policies publicly.

The Bishop of Bata, Mgr Rafael Maria Nze Abuy, an

also on the list of victims,

Equatorial Guinea denies

jail deaths report

from Lisbon's control by Indian troops in 1961. complaint, accusing India of aggression, which was lodged with the United Nations Security Council by the previous

Dr Soares said that his one-hour meeting with Mrs Gandhi had been very friendly as he pressed his country's desire to build a hasis for fruitful cooperation with India Although the new Portu-

guese Covernment has recog-nized in principle Delhi's sovereignty over Goa and the other former colonies, certain legal questions remain to be clarified hefore this recognition can be formalized

Bangkok today. Dr Prakoh Hutasingh, the

Dr Prakoh said that the

the Secretary of State. They accepted a formula that they were sure would meet the requirements of Congress, while not causing too much embarrassment. They gave firm assurances, in private, that they would ahide by their too.

These laws are explicit. They do not include the imposition of special taxes on would-be emigrants, they are based on the concept that visas will be wish to emigrate, and they carry no provisions whatever able, over the next four ment of would be emigrants, years, for foreign investment. The Soviet leaders also s The Soviet leaders also state that they would give no-

number of emigrams each year, because, they claimed, they had no means of assessing the demand for visas. They pretended that the outlook was for a decline.

The Soviet leaders could insist to the world that they had not given special assurances under United States congres-sional pressure, simply because they already had liberal emigration laws on the books. Senator Jackson could be satisfied hecause the Sovier leaders had made it clear in American leaders, so Dr Kissinger said, that for the first time they would abide by both

the letter and the spirit of those emigration laws. All would have been well, had Secator Jackson not been so interested in boosting his chances of becoming the next President of the United States. Dr Kissinger warned Senator Jackson repeatedly not to give the impression that the Soviet-leaders were changing their policies hecause of his efforts,

nor to heighten the false im-

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bad never given

terms of a new Bill governing the bank. A Bill to extend its life for another four years had in several congressional committees since early last sum-

assurances on the numbers of

emigrants.
The volume of loans to be

obtained from the export-im-port bank depended on the

mer, with heated arguments on whether Congress should re-strict the volume of loans the bank could grant to the Soviet Proponents of this view argued that it was absurd m give 7 per cent loans to com-

panies to develop energy in Siberia, when those same companies would have to pay 10 per cent, or more, on loans to develop energy within the United States. The counter argument was

simply and powerfully that the loans would stimulate trade beween the super-powers and thereby create a nexus of agreements that both sides would have greater interest in preserving and expanding than estroying. The Russians were furious.

Tass carried its report of the private letter on emigration from Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to Dr Kissinger. The aim, possibly, to get Congress and Administration worried and force a vote against the bank limitations. At all events, at the same

time, the Soviet Ambassador lodged a protest over the bank with Dr Kissinger, who, too late, was apprised of the un-On Tuesday, as the clock

seemed set against any bank Bill passing through Coogress, tha White House capitulated, accepting that it was worth accepting limits on Soviet loans to obtain the Bill as a whole. The Secretary of State was still unaware it seems.

drums. Internationally China has

tried to go oo consolidating its image ss a champion of the Third World But its support for the oil exporting nations— China is rapidly becoming one—has sat ill with its calls for a better deal on behalf of the poor countries. China has seeo Western

Europe, in whose development it had recently pinned much faith, seriously weakened by the oil crisis and possibly flag-ging in its determination to resist Soviet political expan-

threat to Europe apparently explains the country's puzzling shift of tactics towards Moscow. After a period of many months in which Peking gave warning almost daily of a Soviet "sur-prise attack" against China, Chinese officials how hlandly disclaim ever baviog believed

that should he on its guard. But they have not reduced in any way the daily barrage of propaganda against Moscow in American unwillingness every sphere. The latest pro- move faster in the matter.

nonocements on the border issue are as hard as they have ever heen. There is good reason to believe that China is already

confident in the deterrent power of its ouclear weapons and delivery systems in the event of Soviet threats. Peking's biggest disappointment in 1974 was probably the growing accord between Washington and Moscow on a number of issues, such as dis-

position in world affairs which seemed to he promised after Peking took its seat at the The visit to Peking by Dr

Henry Henry Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, who came virtually empty handed after the Soviet-American summit near Vladivostok, symbolized the reasons for China's

little value unless it can be linked with some more substantial progress over tha
Taiwan issue. Chinese officials
have been hinting strongly at
disillusionment with tha American unwillingness

big military losses Saigon, Dec 27.-The loss of five district capitals in less than

South Vietnam alarmed by

a fortnight prompted President Thieu today to Ishel the communist actions a " very serious " offensive. The latest town to fall was

Don Luan, a crossroads town some 60 miles north of Saigon. It gave the communists control of most of Phuoc Long province. which stretches towards Saigon from the Cambodian border. military sources said.

The loss came less than 24 hours after the communist capture of Tanh Linh, a busy market town east of Saigon.

The military command gave no casualty figures for either battle, as militiamen straggled bsck to government lines. But military sources said Governmeot losses were particularly heavy at Tanh Linh, where most of two militia battalions were still unaccounted for.

President Thieu, addressing military academy graduates at Dalat, said the fighting was an offensive, not just usual ceasefire violations, and called for a return of "the fighting spirit of 1972", when the communists last launched a hig campaign.

The fall of Don Luan, a poter tial gateway for the movemer of equipment towards Saigor left only an isolated garriso holding ont in the Phuoc Lon district capital.

When Communist troops cap tured it earlier in the war bi Government units took heav casualties in a month-loog cao paign to wrest it back, militar sources said.

They were fighting then wit American air and logistic support, but with the United State physical presence ended an concern over future military ailevels, the Government Arm may face a hard time, th sources said.

Mr John Marks, the America co-author of a controversial bool on the United States Centra Intelligence Agency, left her today after being asked to do so by the police, a Governmen official said. He was declared persona non grata and left is

and the Cult of Intelligenca wit Victor Marchetti, eotered Sout Vietnam after airport police ha failed to notice his came on th list of those barred from Sout Vietnam, an official said.-Reuter.

examine a vague and tentative plan to curb corporate donations to political parties. The plan was submitted to the party hierarchy almost five received £77m in the first six months after the Liberal Demmonths of the year before ocrats suffered an election setback in July when many of Japan's biggest industrial combines and trading houses pumped huge fortunes into politics to finance the ruling large sums of movey were injected into election campaigns in July. party's campaign.

party's house in order years. During the transitory period political donations by corporate organizations will be Prom Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Dec 27 Taking another step to refurhish the tarnished image of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Mr Takeo Miki, the Japanese Prime Minister, that all expenses by political asked party executives today to

inspector. The names of both African had left the country in appeared on a list of executed 1972 "for reasons of health",

people distributed in Madrid by and did not wish to return. He

Mr Miki's plan to put his

that all expenses by political parties should be settled by cheque. According to the Home Ministry's latest statistics, 1,373 political organizations, incinding the five main parties,

Yesterday Mr Miki took an unprecedented step and published details of bis assets. He bolds shares in a broadcaasting company, a property firm and owns two homes in Tokyo, three to accept donations only from villas in the country and a small iodividual supporters after a office building in Tokushima, his transitory period of three native village.

leader to

Deputy Prime Minister, announced after an emergency Cabinet session lasting four hours that Marshal Thanom would be detained while charge were drawn up against him for his involvement in the suppression of student demonstrations which preceded his departure from Thailand in October last

ster of Thailand, is reported to be under determion after his unexpected return from exile to

face charges

From Our Correspondent
Bangkok, Dec 27
Field-Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, the former Prime Mini-

Ousted Thailand

marshal visited his ailing father; who is 89.

Peking, Dec 27

ical struggle with Moscow.

Soviet Union, though without relaxing its ideological hosti-lity, and has appeared less

enthusiastic about the three-

year-old rapprochement with

Internally, 1974 has been a

year of sharp political swings,

not to be compared with the npheavals of 1966, but disturb-

ing none the less. After the strong emphasis on "struggle"

during the first half of the

year, when many leading figures in the provinces were

attacked by name in wall pos-

ters, the leadership strongly propagated tha ideas of har-

mony and unity in the second

The xenophobic spasm which

soured China's foreign rela-tions in the early months of

was prohably related to some internal political conflict.

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the United States.

China has second thoughts about US links has undergone its higgest currencies. Peking appears change since the disgrace and short of funds and foreign death of the late Marshal Lio trade has been in the dol-The events of the past year

Piao in 1971. bave evidently persuaded the Chinese leadership to question Mr Chon En-lai, the Prime Minister, has bad his work load severely cut since May the merits of too much dependence on the West for when it was first disclosed that he was seriously ill, though the support in the continuing politnature of his illoess has oever As a result, Peking has begun playing down its pub-licly expressed fears of the been revealed officially.

Since then Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, who was disgraced as secretary general of the Communist Party seven years ago and rehabilitated only last year as a Deputy Prime Minister, has become the most pro-mioent among those leaders who are publicly active. Chairman Mao Tse-tung, who was 81 yesterday, apparently

make preparations for the loog-delayed National People's This Coogress, last convened 10 years ago, appears to have been put off yet again, perhaps until late January or February. On the economic side it has heen a year of mixed perfor-

The harvest is up on last

year, hut appareotly not hy a very big margin. The financial crisis of the Western powers has rubbed off on China by

affecting export markets and

mance.

last Peking in August to take up residence in Wuhan and

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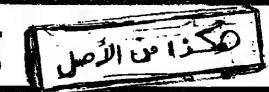
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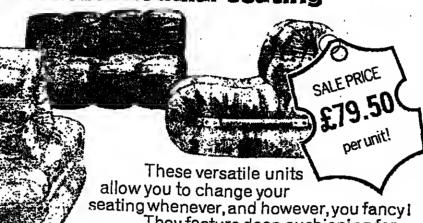
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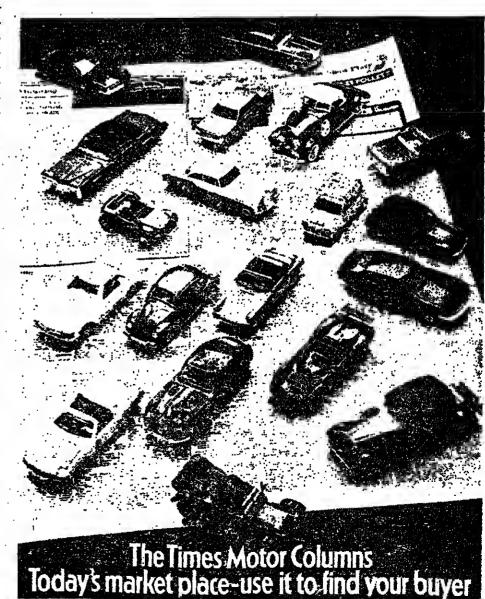
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Pussy Owl sings opera

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"This is the ooe". Mr Pumpelwitz said, pausing heside a doorway that was larger. Peach asked the pianist. and more public-looking than the others in the street. "I'm sure this is the one I saw him go in at." and more public-looking than the others in the street. "I'm sure this is the one plied, giving a brisk twist to his stool so that he faced the keyboard again.

Mrs Frax put her shopping bag down: "One moment", Mr Melba said, holdon the pavement and surveyed the porch. ing up his hand. "I'm sorry to delay the "The street and surveyed the porch." (and idness Indeed, I'm sorry to delay you.)

"It was exactly here", Mr Pumpelwitz said.

Mrs Frax looked upwards and read the lettering over the door. "This is it", she cried. Soe tucked her

umbrella beneath her arm, snatched np her shopping bag and ran towards the

Mr Pumpelwitz read the lettering candidates."
which said PEACH-MELBA SCHOOL OF "1t might
OPERA, and hurried after Mrs Frax. Mr Peach They pushed one each of a handsome pair of brown glass swing doors and entered a foyer.

"Can I help you?" asked a woman who was sitting behind a reception desk. "Yes, please", Mr Pumpelwitz replied, approaching the desk in a husiness-like

approaching the desk in a husiness-like way. "Have you seen—Well, has a—lt's rather hard to explain—".

"Mr Pumpelwitz", Mrs Frax called from another part of the foyer, "there's a notice here that says 'To the Anditions'." Anditions '.

"That'll he where he is". Mr Pumpel-witz said, running to join Mrs Frax and " giving a goodbye smile to the receptionist. One moment, please", the receptionist said. She stood up hehind her desk. "The audinons, which Mr Peach and Mr Melba are holding at present are for candidates who wish to enter the School. Are you candidates?

"Not personally", Mrs Frax replied, setting off down a corridor in the direction pointed by the notice. "But it's important we get to the auditions in

"Are you the parents or guardians of a candidate?" "No". Mr Pumpelwitz said, rather strongly.

"We're friends of a candidate", Mrs Frax said amiably but hurriedly over her shoulder. "At least, we think he's probably a candidate by now—which is why we must rush."

"But Mr Peach and Mr Melha don't like the auditions to be interrupted", the receptionist said in a protesting way. "I imagine Mr Peach and Mr Melba will be nothing but relieved to see us ", Mr Pumpelwitz answered.

Onickly he followed Mrs Frax, who boarn sign: Authorition in the William Opening the door softly, Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz stepped into a small

Rows of seats, their backs turoed to which a man was standing, singing, In the space between the front row and the stage there was an upright piano, ar

which a man was sitting, playing. As quietly as possible Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz made their way down the centre aisle, pecring carefully, as they went, aloog each row of seats.

Only the front row was occupied. There, to the right of the centre aisle, at two men, listening very intently to the sioger.

To the left sat several young men and women, all of whom seemed to sit in their seats in a very upright and unmoving way, as though they were scared or, at the least, on their best hehaviour. "Those must be the candidates", Mr Pumpelwitz mouthed to Mrs Frax.

"But he's not there", she mouthed back.

Even though they had scarcely whis pered and had lip-read rather than heard each other, one of the men on the right twisted round and held a finger before his mouth.

Mr Pumpelwitz and Mrs Frax slipped into one of the empty rows and, in slow motion, so as to creak and rustle as little as they could, sat down. The singer brought his song to an end.

A second or two afterwards, the planist finished off the accompaniment. There was silence. The two men in the right-hand part of the front row were intently making notes in ootebooks.

A loud, harsh voice suddenly said: "I can sing much hetter than that." The pianist whirled round on his re-volving stool and looked in horror at

Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz looked at each other.

One of the two men at the right said: "I'm distressed to hear such a rude and offensive remark. I do not know who made it. But I should like to say that that is not the spirit we encourage at the

Peach-Melba School, is it, Mr Melba?" "It certainly is not, Mr Peach", the second man replied. "At the Peach-Melba School, students work together as col leagues.

"Especially", added Mr Peach, whose voice was deep and warm and who pronounced each syllable separately and roundedly, "when we all work together in preparation for the public performance we give at the end of term."

"It is one of our hoasts", said Mr Melba, whose voice was high, clear and with a heroic ring to it that might put people in mind of a young prince of chivalry inspiring his soldiers to battle, that our students undergo the experience of working together as a company. Opera is a matter of cooperation. Indeed, as Mr Peach once remarked, opera should really be called co-opera."

"A little joke of mine", said Mr Paach, his voice hecoming even deeper and more velvet with pleasure, "which Mr Melba flatters me by remembering. However, let us now, bearing the spirit of cooperation in mind, put the offensive incident behind us and continue the auditions."

"Thank you for singing to us, candidate number three", Mr Melba said. The singer jumped down from the stage and returned to his place in the front row on the left.
"Is the next candidate ready?"

" Are you ready, Mr Tripple?", Mr

candidates. Indeed, I'm sorry to delay you, Mr Tripple. But I think there's e cat under

"Really?", Mr Tripple said. He slid off the piano stool, knelt on the floor and peered beneath the piano.

"Personally, I love cats". Mr Melba said. "But it might be distracting for the "It might he alarming for the cat",

Mr Peach said. "Particularly if Mr Tripple were playing hass chords." "Pussy", Mr Tripple called, the side of his face flat against the floor. "Pussy

distinctly saw a tail", said Mr a. "Rather a plump tail. And Melha. "giogerish." " I'm afraid we arrived too late", Mr

Pumpelwitz whispered to Mrs Frax. "Pussy", Mr Tripple called again. "Pussy, pussy. There was a heavy thud on the top of

the piano. Everybody, including Mr., Tripple, who sat quickly back on his heels, A solid, furry creature was standing on the piano top and staring back at everybody—with large, shiny eyes that seemed to change colonr as you looked at them. The creature was about the size of a large cat, but it stood on two legs, not four,

and it was feathered as well as furry.
It stood—but only just, because it was a little rocky after its heavy landing. It had a furry tail, partly ginger and partly grey. The end of the tail was drooping insolently over the edge of the piano top and dangling above the key-

"Pussy is only the first half of my name", the creature said, in the same harsh voice which had commented rudely on candidate number three's performance.
"My full name is Pussy Owl."

"Yon can speak", exclaimed Mr Tripple.

"It's a waste of time to remark on the obvious, Tripple", Pussy Owl said.
"Of course I can speak. What's more
to the point is that I can sing."

"That's the tail I saw", Mr Melba said, his voice hreathy with astonishment.

The end of the tail twitched to describe my tail as plump, Melba. As

a matter of fact, my tail is of the exact thickness that a tail ought to he. Plumper than my tail is fat. Thinner than my tail is skinny.' We did arrive too late", said Mr

Pumpelwitz. "Oh, are you here, Pumpelwitz?" said Pussy Owl, peering from the top of the piano into the auditorium. "And Mrs Frax?" He raised one of his wings and gave a hrief: wave. "No, you're not too

"Are you", Mr Peach asked, turning round to address Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz, "are you-well, are you in charge of him?"

"No", said Mr Pumpelwitz quickly. "NO", said Pussy Owl, stamping one of his feet with a thud on the piano top. They're just friends of mine. I was afraid they weren't going to get here in time. But it's all right. They haven't missed anything, because I haven't sung

"Are you implying that you want to sing? Mr Peach asked, his full, deep voice drained almost to a squeak. "That's right", said Pussy Owl. "FII give my audition now."
"We must get this clear", Mr Melba

said. He rose and, clasping his notebook rather tightly, approached the piano. "You want to be auditioned for entrance to the Peach-Melba School? You want to come here to learn singing?" "No", said Pussy Owl.
"Well then...". Mr Melba said, hegin-

ing to shrug.

"I want to come here to teach singing ", Pussy Owl said.
"That's onr of the question ", said Mr Melba.

"There are no vacancies on the teaching staff", said Mr Peach, rising and coming to stand beside Mr Melba as if in defensive alliance. "Mr Peach and I undertake all tha

vocal instruction ourselves", said Mr Melba.
"Besides", put in Mr Tripple, who was still frozen in his squat on the floor,

"what are your qualifications teaching?" "My qualifications", Pussy Owl replied, with a condescending nod towards Mr Tripple, "are the singular beauty, power and range of my singing voice."

"As for you two", he went on, turning his attention back to Mr Peach and Mr Melha, "what about this operatic performance you put on at the end of term? I'll het the two of you don't sing all the parts in that, just on your own. The opera is sung by students, not

staff ". Mr Melba said. Mr Melba is tha producer", said Mr Peach. "But the singing roles ara taken by students.

"In that case", said Pussy Owl, "I'll be e student." "So you are applying for admission, after all", Mr Melba said. He sighed and opened his notebook. "I must take your particulars, then. Surname and initials.

"Owl, P.", said Pussy Owl. "Zoological name: Strix Felix." "We haven't a space for the zoological name on the application form", Mr Melba

"All our students till now have been Homo Sapiens", said Mr Peach. Then it's time you broadened horizons", Pussy Owl replied. "When I have a moment to spare, I'll draw you up a better application form. Next question?" "Age?" said Mr Melba.



"Two foot one."

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"I think that must be your height, not your age." "I daresay it is", said Pussy Owl in careless way. "As a matter of fact, operatic stars usually keep their age a secret.

You're not a star yet", murmured Mr Tripple from the floor, too quietly for Pussy Owl to hear.

" Write down my height, Melba", Pussy Owl said, with an impatient wave of one of his wings towards Mr Melba's notebook. "It's a very good height. You onght to have a record of it. Taller than me is overgrown. Shorter than me is dwarfish."

Resignedly Mr Melba made a note.
'Next question'', demanded Pussy Owl You're awfully slow at your job, Melba."
"Instrument?" Mr Melha asked. "What do you mean?" said Pussy Owl.

"Students aren't allowed to study voice alone. They have to study an instrument as well." "Oh ", said Pussy Owl. "Oh well, I play

the triangle." He rose rather heavily on to tiptoe and called into the auditorium: "Don't I, Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz?" "Brilliantly", Mr Pumpelwitz said. Mr Peach advised Mr Melba: "Write

down 'Percussion'. "All right", Mr Melba said, "if yon think it satisfactory, Mr Peach." He wrote; and then looked up at Pussy Owl. Register?"
"Register?"

"Your singing voice", Mr Peach ex-plained. "Is it tenor, haritone or bass?"

"Oh, I see", said Pussy Owl. "All of them. "All of them?"

"And alto and trehle, as well", Pussy Owl said. "Why don't you stop wasting time and listen to me singing? "It isn't really your turn", Mr Melba protested. "As a late applicant, you should come at the end."

Owl. Let's get it over with ", said Mr Peach. Looking a little beaten, he and Mr Melba

"I'm bored with waiting", said Pussy

returned to their seats in the stalls.

"Ready, Mr Tripple?" asked Mr Melba.

"Ready", Mr Tripple replied. He rose briskly from the floor, strode to the piano and asked Pussy Owl: "Where's your

"I don't need music." But I do". said Mr Tripple. " So that can accompany you."

"I don't need accompaniment." "Indeed", and Mr Tripple. He sat down on the piano stool, pushed it hack from the keyboard and sat looking expectantly towards the top of the piano. Pussy Owl stretched both his wings out horizontally and gave two little flicks with

the tips, while he said:
"Two, three."
Then he folded his wings to his sides again and sang, in a deep, booming and not very melodious voice:

Half way through his soog, he paused, extended his wings again, whirred them for a moment and then, slowly and rather unsteadily, rose straight up into the air to a height of four or five feer above the top of the piano. There, with his wings stretched and his tail streaming behind him like the tail of a kite, he hovered. Meanwhile, this time in a high and screeching voice, he finished the song:

"By all means", said a young woman sitting in the candidates' row. Some pages of sheet music were handed along the row and then passed to Mr Tripple, who propped them on the music stand on the piano.

Pussy Owl walked noisily across the top of the plane and paused at the edge He peered down above the keyboard. towards the music.

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At the end, still high up in the air, Pussy Owl said:
"See. I can go as high as you like." Suddenly he folded in his wings swooped and landed, feet first, with a solid thod, on the piano top.

"Or as low as you like", he added, rather puffily, while he only just managed

to keep his balance after landing. It certainly is a remarkable sight",

Mr Melba said thoughtfully.

"And a remarkable performance too, didn't you think?" demanded Pussy Owl as fiercely as he could through his puffi-

"Well", Mr Peach remarked in a tactful way, "some of the notes were in tune."
"I don't see how you can judge", Pussy
Owl replied indignantly. "You'd never
heard the soog before, so you don't know
what it ought to sound like." He pausad
and puffed for a moment, then added carelessly: "I composed it myself. As a matter of

fact, I wrote the words, too." "I wooder, Pussy Owl", Mr Melha said, still sounding thoughtful, "if you would sing us something else—something more conventional, I mean, which we have heard hefore." "I'd rather do my dance", Pussy Owl

answered. And he jumped up into the air and then landed, heavily, on his left foot. He hopped into the air again and then landed, heavily, on his right foot. Not on top of my piano you don't", criad Mr Tripple.

"We don't teach ballet at the Peach-Melba School", interposed Mr Peach tactfully.

"Oh, all right", Pussy Owl said, stop-ping. "As a matter of fact, I am rather exhausted after my previous performance." He stood still for a moment, silent except for puffing. Then he turned to the row of candidates and added con-"All you lot do is sing. That's nothing

compared to the strain of singing and flying." I hope you won't find it too much

strain to sing us just one more piece, Pussy Owl b, Mr Melha said politely. I'm sure you could horrow some music from one of the other candidates. What about that pretty piece of Purcell which candidate number two sang?"

"It doesn't look very good music", he said. "Not nearly as good as the Pussy Owl Song."

"Can you sight-read?" asked Mr Tripple. "Of course", said Pussy Owl.

"Right, then", said Mr Tripple; and stretching his hands above the keys he prepared to play. "But not when the music's upside

down", said Pussy Owl. "It's not upside down." "It is from where I'm standing. From where I'm atanding, when the music goes up it looks as if it's going down. So

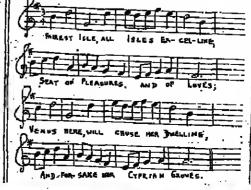
don't blame me if it sounds odd." "I wonder if candidate number two would mind demoustrating?" asked Mr Melha. "Just a quick run-through, to give Pussy Owl an idea of what it sounds

"Certainly", said candidate oumber two. "Quite unnecessary", said Pussy Owl. I can aight-read it perfectly, even if it

is upside down." "I'm sure you cao", Mr Melha said soothingly. "The only reason I think a demonstration would helo is that I'm hoping you'll fly round as you sing it to us, so you won't be able to sight-read it, as you won't he able to sea the music

Will you sing it flying for us, please? "All right", Pussy Owl said ungraci-But it's not easy, you know, singing and flying."

Standing beside Mr Tripple, who accompanied her, candidate number two sang:



When she had finished, Mr Peach and Mr Melba thanked her; and she gave an encouraging smile to Pussy Owl hefore going back to her seat. I can sing it a lot better than that ". Pussy Owl said.

"Mr Melba", said Mr Peach, "are you sure you want to hear Pussy Owl sing again?"

"I want to hear him sing and see him fly again", Mr Melba said. "I've had an idea." "Anyona in his senses who'd heard Pussy Owl sing once would want to hear him sing again", said Pussy Owl. "Come on, Tripple.

He stretched his wiogs, rose vertically (and rather wobblingly) and then hegan to fly in a slow, uncertain circle round the auditorium. As he flew, he suddenly (so suddenly that Mr Triople had to hurry the heat to catch up with him) hegan to sing, in a

loud, squawking voice: "Fairest owl, all owls excell..."
"Stop", called out Mr Peach, holding his hands over his ears. With a bump Pussy Owl laoded on the floor in front of him. "What's the matter?"

"Many things", Mr Peach replied. "I'll try to go through them in order. First, your diction. It's appalling. You seemed to he singing 'Fairest owl' instead of 'Fairest isle'." "Fairest owl', that's right", said Pussy

'Fairest owl' is the correct wording."
"Oh no it's oot", cried Mr Tripple, advancing towards Pussy One and bringing the sheet wusic with him. "Look. ing the sheet music with him. It's orinted here ouite clearly. It's

"You've got an incorrect version", Pussy Owl sa'd coolly. "Pussy Owl", said Mr Peach, his voice very deen and very controlled, "this is a well-known piece of music. The is a well-known piece of music. The words are hy the great Prelish noet John Dryden. The isle in organism is the isle of Britain. The snng is from the petriotic opera King Airlan, by the yreat English composer Henry Purcell. The-"

"You've got his name wrong, too", Pussy Owl interrupted. "I have NOT", exclaimed Mr Peach, "I have heen teaching the music of Henry Purcell to students for twen-"

"The correct form of the name", Pussy Owl said. "is Puss-Owl. Repry Puss-Owl is an ancestor of mine. My talent for opera is inherited. Family tradition has preserved the correct spelling and prooupciation of the came, along with the correct words of the seng, which coes: 'Fairest owl, all owls excelling'. Henry Puss-Owl wrote the soog in praise of our family. The owl who excels all other owls is, of course, the owl who is also a cat."

said Mr Tripple; and he retired to the piano stool and lowered his head into his hands. No. of course you baven't". Pussy Owl said. "My singiog voice is unique, combining as it does the hoot of an owl

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"I have never heard anything like it".

with the miaow of a cat." Continued on page 9



said.

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New London Theau'e on Monday, is Sheila Hancock's third revue. She was in One to Another (1959) and One Over The Eight (1961). I swore I'd never do another revue as long as I lived. It's borrendous. So much depends on things like another needs on things like lot that needs sending up at the moment." goes frightfully well in ooe out-front technique and the eyetunning order-a number that move it to another, so you're constantly rejigging." There are more costume changes than in any other kind of show and ilicy have to be done more quickly. There are a dozen haracterizations to cope with instead of one, and there's the risk of feeling very foolish if the audience remains un-

"One sketch is a seud-up of Italian films in which spaghetu is fluog about the stage, and it all goes over me. Eveo in a comedy, if the laughs don't come, you've still got the character to cling on to, and you've got the arusts' eyes to look into, but if you're actually geriog your face full of spaghetti there's no other mouve except to make people laugh, and if they don't, it's humiliating heyond belief. Nothing freezes you more. But un the other hand you can't think 'I won't do it a properly and theu I'll look less uf a fool', in fact you look more of a fool,"

ansused.

Playing the show in Birningham just after the IRA bombing she felt like an ENSA performer rallying murale during the wir. " Here was a town that was shocked and stunned and unhappy, and ooe really did have a feeling that the show us a couple of hours of forgetfulness, fun and giggles. 1 don't think there's anything quite like it in Londoo. I hope control is it in Londoo. I hope I was at RADA I had a very correspondy will come and let strong accent. At that time their bair dowo. I greatly helieve there must be serious plays. What survives every rivilization? The art, the culture—doesu't it? And therefore looks rather than their talent.

the moment."

cnce "that revue demands".
"It's what we used to do at
Stratford East. I only did Make le an Offer there in 1959, but i worshipped Joan Littlewood so much I used to go bsck and rehearse for things I wasn't going to he in. Up until then I'd heen in weekly rep for years and years and years. One stuck very much to the rules and to French Acting Editions. She was the first ooe that made me like the audience. She knew I was iotrinsically frightened of them. My instinct was that they were going to dislike me. She used to come into my dressing-room and say 'They're all out there, and I've heard them saying that they can't wait to see Sheila Hancock hecause they've heard how marvellous she is'. It was all absolute lies, but you had to go on with the confidence that they were going to come to you, and therefore you had to believe you had something of value to offer them. She was very against selling yourself too much, but if you clam up on stage you get nothing back, and I think the same happeos in life. If you're tortured by your own miseries and your own complexes, you

lieves that an actor should be able to amaze himself with his huild a wall round yourself. "She used to say 'When you're in the wings, imagine that own courage, and she felt most in need of courage when she played Julia in Edward Albee's you're in a dark, damp, frightening forest, and out there on the stage is light, warmth and love'. And she used to calf me her A Delicate Bolance in 1969. "It little clown, which gave me a raison d'etre. I came from an ordinary background and when RADA was almost a finishing school for some people, and the ones that succeeded were the beauties. Certain people were

was a harrowing scene to do. I had to cry and to scream for my mother. I had to let go to absolutely childish hysteria, and Peter Hall eventually broke it to me that he wanted me to end up lying on the floor and hearing the carpet. At the first rehearsal in which I had to do that, I had to look at things that I prefer not to look at-depths of despair, depths of needing my mother, needing help. At read-throughs and when you're plotting it, you stand there trembling, hiding behind your script. You think 'Yes, well, I'll have a go at that scene to-morrow.' But ultimately tha situation bas to be created in which you do it. Without Peter making me believe I could do it, couldn't have I'd done plays like that in rep, but never in front of Dame Peggy Ashcroft at the Royal Shakespeare. In a way it was a breakthrough for me, and it had to be carried even further in the next Albee play, All Over (1972), io which the girl was even more aggres-sive, full of hate, full of loneli--a distraught person. And at that time it was doubly diffi- Music 1975 Get also wif Inustally Lath was died the week before. I was busy trying to hide the fact that I was those things—because I had to carry on—but I had to strip myself bare and yet discipline it. I couldn't just break down and indulge myself in froot of people I consider very much my peers.
Angela Lanshury was incredible. She's so wise. In a sentence she could calm you and make you cope."

Sugar plums to savour

The Nutcracker Festival Hall

John Percival

My height was against me—I was 5 foot 8½. I had to play leading ladies in rep, but as far as the West End was concerned.

didn't fit into any of the

categories. It wasn't till the Littlewood revolution and the Royal Courn—where funny-looking people suddenly came into their own—that one began to fit in?

" He'd already agreed to have Teddy Woodward, who was un-known. He'd done it in rep. And now Michsel bad to sell bis

hackers the idea of yet another not successful non-name, wheo,

I imagine, he could have got any

actress in the country to play it.
It was a fahulous part, and in those days star names did draw audiences. What he made us do

was audition for the backers.
Teddy and I rehearsed a scene,
and they quite liked it. The
critics pretty unanimously liked
the show, and it ran over a year.
But Michael went out on a limb,

taking a risk on me, and be's done it time and time again with

Like Laurence Olivier, she be-

That was not an empty scar next to me at the Festival Hall. Although you could not see him, the Ghost of Christmas Past was sitting in it, and the trouble was that he would keep widspering in my ear all the time.

"Do you remember", he asked me, "the days when Markova and Chauvire and Danilova and Verdy danced the Sugar Plum Fairy? And John Gilpin used to be so marvellous as the Prince, and Par Dolin played Drosselmeyer? Or what about Vassili Trunoff's Russian dance do you ever see any-thing like that nowadays?" I tried to husb him, hut he

Her part in Make Me an Offer was quite a small one and she wasn't very good, she feels, in One Over the Eight, though she got hetter during the run. But Michael Codron land great confidence in her. She'd made her first appearance in the West End when she took over the part of Lily Thompsoo in Breath of Spring, one of his earliest productions, and after One Over the Eight he offered her the role of Cyrenne in Charles Dyer's two-hander Rattle of n Simple Man.

"He'd already agreed to have would prattle on, eventually asking me: "Is there a single role tonight which you have not seen better danced in previous Festival Ballet seasous?" True enough, I had to admit, but perhaps not quite so damning as it sounds. This Nut-cracker, I tried to explain to him, is not for old fuddyduddies like the Ghost and me. It is primarily a treat for children who have probably never seen hallet before and therefore caonot make comparisons.

caonot make comparisons.

Starting from scratch, they ought certainly to enjoy the Tchaikovsky music, under Tereoce Kern's lively direction. Maybe the party scene looks rather dreary, but they may ideotify with the children on stage ("And learn had manners", my companioo grunted). The transformations are super, even if the Christmas tree even if the Christmas tree missed its cue and disappeared several hars late.

I must say it was a relief when the Ghost changed places at the interval with his hrother Christmas Yet to Come. He chattered incessantly too, but about bow easily the production could be brought to life again "What is that barefoot child

doing in the cold at the begin-ning? Does Dr Stahlhaum really have so many one-eyed, long-nosed friends that he does not recognize the footman's description of Drosselmeyer? Surely the management can remember or invent more fluent choreography? And why not revert to the Benois costumes instead of the present tarted-up versions?

When not heing interrupted. thought Patricia Ruanne and Paul Clarke showed charm in the leads, although he needs to stretch his feet in the solos and she ought to hold her shoulders less tensely. And while we are making constructive suggestions, the walnut shell boat for Clara's journey should be made from only half a sbell, not a whole one, or it will capsize.

South Bank Summer

Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, will be the artistic collaborator for South Back Summer Music for the three years 1975, 1976 and 1977. Alfred Brendel will give five Master Classes in the Purcell Room to six young professional pianists, who will he chosen at auditions to be beld in London and New York.

William Gaunt The British school of sportiog painting that flourished in the righteenth and early nineteenth ceuturies bas gained io estima-tion in receot times through the view it gives of rural and social view it gives of rural and social life in the past and also for its considerable merits, pictorially speaking. The remarkable development of an art form, parallel with that of hunting and racing, is the well and amply illustrated nucleus of the Arts Council's exhibition, British Sporning Paintings, 1650-1850, now at the Hayward Callery up il Sebruary

British Sporting

Hayward Gallery

Paintings

Hayward Gallery until Fehruary 23, with more than 200 pictures and many accompanying priors and drawings. Comprehensiveness suggested a look back first to the century of the Stuarts when Henry Peake recalls the ancient royal tradition of stag-hunting in his painting of Henry, Prioce of

Wales (James 1's son) in the hunting field and George Bar-low drew hounds and huntsmen in his lively style. But a con-nected evolution hegins with the work of John Wootton and Peter Tillemans. The examples given show the type of composition they devised to meet the needs of aristocratic and squirearchic patrons, comprising views of their estates and organized hunting parties in a panoramic setting. John

panoramas, it somewhat laboured and tinged by foreign influence, are valuable documents of country living at its higher levels in the early part of tha eighteenth century as well in Such cashing a well illustration. Racehum's Dr Spens illustration.

More surprising perhaps is the adveot of painters who may be called "genuine primitives" in a style owing little or nothing to others but with its own-crispness of definition and nourished by a special acquaintrespected by the Greater Crispness of definition and nightmarish vision of men in the cope."

Ronald Hayman

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could make ao impressive portrait of Flying Childers, considered the first great thorough bred raceborse. His The Choise Muich adds to the interest of a celebrated sportiog wager and cvent an entertaioing precisioo

ut design.
The Hayward exhibition's account of the later eighteenth century is inevitably dominated the great personality of George Stuhbs. The selection made illustrates the grandeur he could evolve from simple elements, the sense of character he could hring out in his grooms and stahleboys as well as horses and hounds, his naturalism in subject and setting, his barmonious grouping mares aud foals in a field. Purely as an artist, as in the great Gincrock on Newmarket beyond that of Ben Marshall Sawrey Gilpin and a score of able practitioners of about the same time or later who are also

represented. Gilpin's The Deoth of o Fox is a picture of savage pursuit that tends to arouse sympathy for the fox rather than its pursuers-though it is hard to helieve the story that some hounds were killed and fastened in various positions so that the artist could copy their attitude in motion; or that as capable ao artist as Gilpin would get any nearer the feeling of movement by employing such a device. It is in contrast with the hrutal statements that John Woottoo's sporting of the wealthy sportsman in the early nineteenth-century period

Henrietta Harley hunting the Garrick's brother rishes in the hare on Orwell Estate and his Thames at Hampton Court, in view of Lord Portmore and his the splendid aquatints after trainer watching King George I's James Pollard the stage coach racehorse at exercise. sporting. Landseer's Monarch of the Glen seems a sentimental evocation of the freedom of the wild. "Sport" at a lower level in the 1850s provides a nightmarish vision of men in hlack watching poker-faced a

Sariorius family ably represent The Chaise Match by James Seymour 1702-1752, from the collection of Mr and Mrs Paul Melion.



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A family affair

or not; iu the days when Gilhert and Sullivan's Trial by Jury first delighted the public; in the days when my father came to this country; in shurt, in good Queen Victoria's golden reign there was a man of comfortable means who had some interest in chess strategy. Every Saturday afternooo while consuming tea and crumpets at the Athenaeum he would play a game of chess with his favourite nephew. But I confine myself to saying

that I can show you the very chese set (a magnificent example of Stauuton chess meo) with which they played still in its place in that gracious draw-ing room on the first floor of

The two players were about equal io streogth. The uncle was a solid strategist who swore by the scientific priociples of Sieghert Tarrasch. As one might have expected from the younger man, the nephew was a follower of Emanuel Lasker. He occasionally irritated his uncle by tactless quotations from Common Sense in Chess; but still, he was the only other number of the scase in Chess; but still, he was
the only other member of the
family who played chess so,
having no direct descendants
and inteoding to die a hachelor
like his father hefore him, he
made a will hequeathing his
entire fortune to the nephew

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The nephew, in his mind's eye, could see himself treating his nephew to tea and cruotets his nephew to tea and cruoipets at the Athenaeum some time in the reign of Edward the Seventh. This was a curiously indirect family in which the chain of succession passed from nephew to nephew. The family tree was a series of knights'

But one day, through an act of blind, predatory greed, be spoilt if all. Both uncle and nenhew also hecame members of the Hampstead Chess Club, which was then, as indeed it still is, me of the leading clubs in the Lundon Chess League. The ucpher played on a high board the second team, while the mucle, as hefitted his senior status, usually stood by as a speciator and soecialized in giring advice. This practice occasionally got him into trouble with those who were igoorant of his wealth. I am well sware

In the days when it did not that it is against the rules to matter whether petrol was dear give advice in these circumstantor not; in the days when Gilbert ces, but these rules are more honoured in the breach than the

observance. One evening the nephew was playing in an inter-cluh match against Brixton and the game he played ou that occasion cost him a fortune. Many years later I discovered the score of the game together with an account of the sequel in the archives of the Brixtoo Chess Club which met at that time on the secood floor of a public house in Half Moon Lane, Herne Hill. The nepbew, whom I will call Y, had Black against a player called Y called X.

The game, a lively brevity. weot as follows. White: X Black: Y. Q Pawn Opening.

1 P-Q4 KI-KB3 2 0-KIS P-B4 An excellent alternative is Kt-K5 and alsu good is P-Q4.

A logical capture, but one that costs s lot of time since the Queen must be brought back to the centre.

Threatening to win off-band by 6. R-Kt1, Q-R6; 7. Kt-Kt5.

P-K 1 P-03 Receptly, for reasons that will eventually become apparent, this game was annotated in "64" by Geller and here be bad the originally phrased comment that 7..., P-K4 was worthy of consideration. From this one gathers that the grandmaster gatners that the grandmaster was not sure what the right move was. I believe that the hest move was 7..., P.K3 so as to deprive White of the ensuing thrust with his KP.

H P-R'S PAL 10 KI-B5 B-KIE 9 PAP KKI-Q2 11 H-KII Q-Q1 Black's game is badly undeveloped, especially on the Queen-side where his pieces remain in their original positions till the end of the

12 P-Kn ! PAP 13 KI-KKIS KI-KAS If 13 . . . Kt-B1; 14. B-Kt5 cb, B-Q2: 15. PxP, BxB; 16. KtxB, Q-B1; 17. 0-0, threatening Kt-B7 and then Kt-Q6 cb.

And not 14 . . . ,B-Q2; 15. KtxKP. 15 PXP P-QR3 16 8-K3 A fine vigorous move; if

Black (Y)

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White (X) to play Black now plays 16 QxQ ch; 17. RxQ, PxB; then 18. R-Q8 ch, Kr-K1; 19. 0-0 ch, B-B3; 20. RxB, K-Kt2; 21. Kt-B7 and wins (21. . . , BxKt; 22. B-R6 ch, K-Kt1; 23. RxK mate.) Or 17. . . , PxB; 18. RxP, QB2; 19. Kt-Q5, Q-Q1; 20. RxKt ch, BxR; 21. Kt-KB7, Q-K1; 22.

Kt-B7, etc. The end comes even quicker after 18. . . , PxKt; 19. QxP, BxP; 20. Q-K8 mate.

19 OxP BxP 21 RxK1 KI-03 20 KtsB R-KR2 23 Bxkt resigns Since after 22..., PxR: 23. Kt-Q5 is decisive. In a state of high fury the uncle went to his lawyers and cut out his nepbew from bis will. Soon after he died.

The oepbew sought to have the will put aside on the usual grounds that his uncle had not heen of sound mind. But in a famous judgment the learned judge said that, as far as he was judge said that, as far as he was coocerned, it was a case of idem velle atque idem nolle. Indeed be (the judge) after reading Tarrasch's Dreihandert Schochpartien had come to the schochpartien had come to the conclusion that no one could be rightly termed sane who had played QxQKtP.

The strangest thing about all this is that in round three of the 42nd Soviet Championship, cur-rently heing played at Lenin-grad, Vaganian won exactly the same game, move for move, against Kupreichik. Who would dare to say now that history

does not repeat itself?

Gardening

The day of the vegetable

As I remarked last week, most people, especially the congardeners, will remember 1974 as a wet year. The gardeners will remember it with mixed feelings, but I think on the whole, as being less exasperating than 1973.

Looking to the credit side gardeners will remember that

while the winter and spring were dry—indeed, we were short of rain in many parts of the country until the end of May, this enabled us to get on with our work. Growth, especiwith our work. Growth, especially of newly planted or newly sown crops, was slow unless it was possible to water them. Also, in my garden at least, the nights in late May and June were chilly, so sweet corn, melons under cloches, and outdoor tomatoes did more poorly

than usual.

If, as regards these crops, there is a moral to he learoed, it is to he prepared to grow them on, even if it means reporting until they can be planted out in the first or even the second week of June, and then for preference under cloches. The melons obviously will keep under cloches but to matters and under cloches, but tomatoes and sweet corn quickly grow too tall for the cloches, and these have to be removed.

But from July onwards vege-tables really came into their own. As I have said many times, all you need to grow plants are all you need to grow plants are soil, sunshine and water. This year, with regular and adequate rainfall—too much in some areas—we had wonderful crops of leeks, brussels sprouts, winter cauliflowers, savoys, and coming, of sprouting hroccoli.

Never bad I seen hatter lettures than those grown in the

Never bad I seen hatter lettuces than those grown in the
trials at the Royal Horricultural
Society's Wisley gardens. They
were sown on July 24, and in
late Septemher and early Octoher were a splendid sight. Good
old varieties like Feltham King
and Lohjoit's Green cos showed
up well, as did certain new
varieties which we will no
dount see in the catalogues in
due course.

due course. I will admit I am a bit lazy ahout lettuces now. We sow a hatch of mixed cos and cabhage varieties three or four times, the first sowing in March and the last in August. This gives us plenty of lettuces all Harry Golombek summer, and very few indeed get away from us and bolt to

seed. If they do, the chickens are happy to bave them.

Also at Wisley was an interesting trial of Chinese canhage.

This vegetable makes a very large plant—an excellent family vegetable, that is, if the family likes cahbage. I admit I have not tasted it, either raw or cooked, but those who have find it very palatable. They tell me that eaten raw it is something like a cross herween a lettuce

and a soft savoy cabbage with a cabhage flavour. On the debit side in my garden was the new Fiskehy soya hean. We raised plants in peat pots under glass and planted them out in early June,

The half-bardy anouals did remarkably well. The dwarf single dablias from seed especially and also the new so-called penstemon flowered antirrhi-oum sold uoder various names such as Pixie and Bright Butter-flies. I must say that being rather conservative in these maiters I was oot expecting to like these sprirrbioums with open widely tubular flowers. But they are most attractive and I com-meod either the tall Bright

planted them out in early june, but the crop was negligible, we were oot, as a family, particularly takeo with the heans. Most people I have spoken to or heard from had a poor result with this hean. It may have heen that the summer did not sair it. Claygate Surrey. Tobs for January

my favourite flowers. They remind me of the almost obligathere are obviously olaces where salvias are appropriate.

wbo are interested in the charities which derive a considerable part of their income from private gardens kindly opeoed to the public were concerned about the effect the rising price of petrol would have on these earden visits. We hoped that so far from deterring people from visiting gardens, more people

might do so, and this is in fact what bappened. As anyone connected with charities knows, they are ruoning into hard times. garden owners every year have to fall out of the open gardens scheme because of labour and other difficulties. But it is encouraging that more new garden owners come forward each year—indeed, at present 40 new gardens have heen added to the Gardeners' Sunday list, and there is still time for anyone prepared to open their garden in 1975 to get in touch with The Organizers, Gar-deoers' Sunday, White Witches, Claygate Road, Dorking,

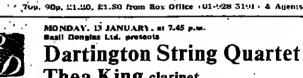
 Be prepared for snow and frost. Have grit, sand or salt placed at strategic spots in case you have difficulty with frozen sloping paths or drives. Check that all frost susceptible items, dablia and begonia

tuhers, gladiolus corms, onions and shallots, and potatoes, are safe. Examine all stuff in store every 10 to 14 days, and remove any that are rotting. Watch particularly for signs of mouse damage io stores, frames, green-houses or even among crocuses and other bulbs on the open ground. Our mice bave heeo particularly trouhlesome this year. They have sneered at cheese and milk chocolate, but Butterflies mixture, which grows to about two and a half feet, or the dwarf Pixie hybrids, ooly about 8in to 12io high.

The dwarf bedding scarlet salvias, I admit, are not among I have had considerable success with monkey nuts as bair. Finish pruning fruit trees and busbes, and spray with a suitable winter spray against

remind me of the almost collga-tory Freech bedding schemes, and to me are rather vulgar. Every Frenchmao seems to favour a hed in the front garden pests. Clean glass on greenbouses, frames or cloches. The wet autumn has made a lot of glass very dirty with green deposits.
Warm water laced with deterof scarlet salvias, with a large canna in the middle, and an edging of white alyssum. But gent does the trick. ■ Check stock of canes, stakes.

pea sticks, garden twine, ferti-Early in the year many of us lizers, insecticides, and any other garden sundries you know you will need in the conwill be progressively more ex-pensive, and probably sup-plies will be sporadic. Stock up now. This is not panic huy-ing. ing months. My bet is that they



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Two sides of Telly Savalas, first as a ruthless Arizona boss (ITV 6.50), then as our friendly New York cop (BBC1 9.20). Otherwise 5.35), BBC correspondents ponder 1974 and 1975 (BBC2 9.20) and an Iris Murdoch serial begins (BBC2 8.30).—L.B.

BBC 1

8.35 am, Trumpton, 8.50, Josie, 9.10, The Languages of Animals, by David Attenhorough: Be Mice by David Attenhorough: Be Mioe (part 2), 9.40, Film. The Golden Age of Comedy 11958), 10.55, The Virgiolao. 12.12 pm, Weather. 12.15, Grandstand: 12.25, Football Focus. 12.50, 1.25, 1.55, 1.25 Raciog from Newhury. 1.10, Lord Manny Shiowell looks back 00 a lifetime's interest to hoxlog. 1.45, Test Cricket from Australia. 2.15, 2.45, Motor Raciog from Brands Hatch. 3.0, Rughy: York v Bramley. 3.50, Golf: Jacklin v Oosterhuis. 4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Shari Lewis.

Lewis, 5.20 News. 8.35 Dr Wi 6.00 Bruce. Dr Who. Bruce. Forsyth and the Generation Game. Geographo Game.
Film, Oo the Beat (1963),
with Norman Wisdom, Jeooffer Jayoe. Raymond
Huntley, David Lodgo.*
Shirley Bassey.

9.26 10.10 Kojak. News. Match of the Day. That's Life 1974. 12.30 am, Weather. * Black and white. nal variations |BBC 1):

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IRELAND: 5.00-5.10 pm. Scoreboard.
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Granada 9.15 sm, ATV. 10.05; Film, Krnneth Morr in Reach for the Sky. 12.30 pm. London, 5.20, 80gs Bluny. 5.35. Candid Camera, 6.00, New Farrs, 7.00. Film, John Derok and George Macready in Routes of Sherwood Forest, 6.30, London, 8.45, Kong Fu. 10.40, Film, Tom Adams and Veronica Hursi in Licensod to Kill. 12.25-1.20 am, The Judy Garland Show, with Ethel Merman.

HTV 8.05 am. London. 10.00, Sewamo Sircel, 11.00, II s Time for Me, 11.30, Tarzan, 12.30 pm, London, S.20. Corners, 7.00. Sale of the Centary, 7.00. Sale of the Centary, 7.30. Kung Fu. 6.20, London, 9.45, Film: How I won the Unit. with Michael Chit. Ind. John London, New Kinner, 11.45, No. Honester, 12.15 am, Wealker HTV CYMRU/WALES: AS HTV except: 7.00-7.30 pm, 5ion a 5ian.

Westward 9.15 am, ATV. 9.40, Sesame Street, 10.40, Skippy, 11.05, Tarkin: Deadly Slkince, Parl 1, 11.55, Gus Honeybur, 12.30 pm, London, 6.20 Cartoon, 5.30, Now Faces, 6.30, Candid Camera, 7.00, Salo ot the Century, 7.30, Film: Cronks and Coroncis, with Tolly Satvilas, Tarren Cules, Desar Romero, Osme Edith Evans, 9.30, News, 8.45, It's Norman, 10.45, ATV, 11.50, Fulth for Life.

Border

BBC 2

3.00 pm, Film: Jupiter's Darling 119551. with Esther Williams, Howard Keel, Marge and Gower Champioo, George Saoders. 4.35-5.00. Play Away.

6.30 News.
6.45 Rugby: Cardiff v Ebbw Vale, highlights.
7.25 S'Wonderful — S'Marvellous — S'Gershwin — Jack Lemmon iotrodoces a tribute to George Gershwin.

Ao Unofficial Rose, from
the covel by Iris Murdoch, Part 1.

9.30 This Year, Next Year, intro-duced by Charles Wheeler, worldwide miscellany. 11.10 Test Cricket from Australia.

Tyne Tees

Yorkshire

Ulster

Anglia

9.00 am. London. S.55, Alphabet Soup.
10.20, Film: Willy McBean and his
Mapic Machine. 12.00, Mearle Moleciles.
12.30 pm. London. S.50. Film: Ten Tajj.
Men. with Burt Lancaster. 8.30. London. S.45. Caodid Camera. 10.15,

Radio

1 6.00 am, Nows. Bruce Wyndham, y 8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Slewart.; 10.00, Smart Henry. 12.00, Rosto. 2.00 pm. All-American Hyrocs. 3.00, Alsn Ffeeman. 5.00. Oavid 5 lm. nons.; 6.30. In Concort.; 7.30. for Times. 8.30. Radio tricipolis.; 10.02. Alan Block.; 12.00, News. 3.05 am. Ray Noore. 2.00, News.

S.00 am. Radio I. 10.02, Chartle Christer. 12.02 pm, Sammy Cahn's Songbook. 1.02, The Gag-Crackers' Ball. 1.30-5.55, Sport 1.500m only! including Football: racing at Newburg: cricket. Third Test; Sporting Chance Grond Final; and Sports Report. 6.03, Pick of the Sporting Year. 7.02, Mike Yawood. 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, European Pop Jury 11.02, Rav Moore. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1. 5.00 am, Cricket: Third Test. 7.10, Concert: Beriloz. Albeniz, arr Halffler. Saint-Stens. Ovorak. 9.00. Nows. 8.05. Hompordinck, Bizet. Prokofee. 7 9.00. News 9.05. Sterno Rebussa 1973. 1 11.15. The Young idea. 7 12.15. pm, Concert: Weber. Beellioyen.;
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1.20. Concert: part 2. Tchalkovsky.
reconstructed Bogalynyer.; 2.00. Man
of Action: Peter Hall.; 3.15. Mediace
Musicalo.; 4.15. Giscomo Carisaioni. 5.05. Jazz Record Requosita.;
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With Professor Christopher Ricks. Hallyn Tennyson.

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8.50 am. Gutlook. S.55, Weather. 7.00, Huws. 7.10, On Your larin. 7.40, Today Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Today 7.55, Weather. 8.00. Hows. 7.55, Weather. 8.00. Hows. 8.20, Segreles, 8.40. Inday's Papers. 8.20, Segreles, 8.40. Inday's Papers. Our Owl iet. 12.25,
Nows. 1.15, Any Questions 7
Wedend Woman's Hour. 3.00,
3.05, Play: The Silver Locket,
News. 4.02, 4th Dimension.
PM Reports. 5.55, tyeather,
News. 6.15, Derek Cooper, 7.00,
7.02, Ocsept Island Olses, 7.20,
4 Baker, 8.20, Dimension. PILAS-ILLAS INDOOR WHIPS INFOCASI.

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Epitaph

common indeficable species, the feature with Plain Tales from the Raj, a more recent specimen, telling us in penetrating terms and with due 9.00 am, Gardening 9.25, All in a Day's Work 9.45, Saturday Sceoe. 9.50, Barman. 10.10, Loodon Bridge. 10.50, Junior Police Five. 11.05, The Juggler. 11.35, Tarzan: Mountains of the Moon; part 2. 12.30 pm, Werld of Sport. 12.35. Oo the Ball. 1.00, Sports Stars. 1975. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Six: 1.30, Newcastle: 4.45, Warwick; 2.00, Newcastle: 2.45, Warwick; 2.30, Newcastle: 2.45, Warwick; 2.30, Newcastle: 2.45, Warwick; 2.30, Newcastle: 2.45, Warwick; 2.30, Newcastle: 2.45, Warwick; 2.50, Results, Scores, News. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.20 New Faces.
6.20 Sale of the Century.
6.50 Film: The Land Raiders, with Telly Savalas, George Maharis, Arlene Dahl.
8.30 Norman Wisdom. honour to those who administersel it what British rule in ple's heads.
India was shout I remember
Kenneth Williams turned philosopher in The Crystal Spirit and surprising those who only the base you climb under the fridge and Parks II. knew him as camp comic. Io 1974 radio scieoce suddeoly revived after a long illness and

currently Science Now (R4) and Scientifically Speaking (R3) make two regular and steady. contributions, clearly differentiated in their appeal. Benny Greeo's presentation of A London Child of the 70s still lingers pleasantly in the memory; so does the undimemory; so does the unoa-minished vigour of A Word in Edgeways and the straightfor-wardness of Parents and Children.

Perhaps because it deals so

largely in the oew and unrepetitive, drama always gets the longest list of credits which could extend from here to the foot of the page with Peter Cator's The Search for Hamil-ton Stiggs and John Fletcher's Wandering in Eden somewhere oear the top. The first of these came to light out of the geoeroos and productive Radio Times competition whose secood prize went to Shirley Gee's imaginative Stones. What else? Bill Morrison's The Great Gun Running Episode; Philip Martin's Lord Nelson Lives in Liverpool 8: Joosthan Raban's The Anomaly. Among the classics, O'Neill's Mourning Becomes Electra; among the adaptations, Sword of Honour and The Balkan Trilogy; among the imports, The Non-Divine Comedy; among the hard-to-classify, Derek Raby's

Tiger. Off the main lines, Radio Londoo has gone to some trouble to explore: its Young in Mind series, and, by way of contrast, The House on the Borderland—these two are particularly vivid, with the second gripping readings to its geore (the horror story) I have ever heard. In the way of cootributions to the range and tech-oique of broadcastiog, I doubt if the Commercials have added anything at all; sometimes, in commoo with Radio Londoo, they bring a new tone of voice very distinct from soything emerges from Broadcasting House and which at its hest (for example, George Gale) gives a kind of off-thecuff treochancy, rather stimulating in its way. At its worst, of course, it merely signals blather, vacancy and/or a dis-

taste for such elemeotary

broadcasting requirements as

doing your homework.
So it has been a good year—
by and large: much too large

Radio

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Headstone for Radio 1974. It has been a good year-by be one of the ornaments of and large. Look back and there is Virginia Browne's affection- ate family history, The Far Off and the Near, one of that uncommon indefinable species, the species of the seem to he in need of any common indefinable species. ever listen to radio, I'm afraid—except of course The Music Programme" has been said to me uotil I see it float-

iog io small bubbles over peoto make you climb under the fridge and Radio 2's Husband of the Year was not the least repulsive of them. However, I am inclined to think—particularly in the present somewhat dicey situation that it is more important to speak well of the dying and to remember that io the twelvemooth past the good, the thoughtful, the competeot, the careful, the helpful, the informative, the pleassorly diverting and, at the worst, the harmless have outweighed immeasurably the had and the needless to say there are

omissions from the catalogue of adjectives above ("brilliant" for instance) and they are intentional, for good and had apart, 1974 has been in other respects very similar to its predecessors. Like a familiar and predictable acquaintance radio has cootinued to exhibit most of its old hliodspots: science may have revived, but religious broadcasting continues oegligible— oot because its programmes are dull oecessarily, more because the radio coocept of religioo could so easily be fit-ted oo to the bead of a pio. If I seem to be harping oo an old and tedious theme, theo let me expand it by saying that the coodition of religious broadcasting is symptomatic of a larger disease. For example New Maps of the Mind was, as far as I am aware, the ooly receot programme to look st some of the fractier work being done in psychology, and in gaoeral it is as if radio, while taking the keenest pos-sible interest in the day-to-day activities of men and pations from a social and political point of view, were almost devoid of interest in, concern for, the roots of that activity. Why do people behave as they do and what does it signify? It seems to me that one of broadcasting's jobs is to find out what new maps of every kind there are sud tell us about them, whether some carefully polled majority of us thick we

want to hear or not. Anyway how would we know? As things are it is only io the rarest programmes and in the slightly less rare, somewhat esoteric plays (like Wandering in Eden) that radio's discussion of ourselves ever gets much heyond the kiodergarten. If I have a wish for 1975, it is that it should grad-

David Wade

uate to infant school.

Sunday

That top-flight take-off show, Who Do You Do? stages its own Christmas production (ITV 7.25). Later all-black ballet should attract 1771 10.30). An annual favourite arrives with the Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (BBC2 5.10). On the same channel whales (BBC2 7.25) and Florence (BBC2 10.35) make entrancing repeats.—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Someone from the Welfare. . . 10.00, Seeing and Beliering. 10.30, The Wildlife of New York City. 11.20, Made io Britain 74. 12.05 pm, Winners at the Wheel. 13.55, News Headlines. 1.00, Ragtime. 1.15, Film, Northwest Frootier (1959) with Kenoeth More, Laureo Bacall, Herhert Lom. 3.20, A Secrei Place: story of a wartime childhood. 4.10. Omnihus: 8 Circus for a School, with Oleg Papor. 5.10, David Copperfield.

6.05 News. 6.15 Children of the Way: Pakistani Muslims or Englishmeo horn and hred? 6.55 Soogs of Praise from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge. 7.25 Sing a Soog of Secombe. 8.15 Play, Robinson Crusoe,

with Stanley Baker. News. 10.08 Film, Dr Jckyll and Mr Hyde (1941) with Speocer Tracey, Iogrid Bergman, Laca Turcer, Donald Crisp, lao Hunter.* 12.00 Weather.

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HTV

9.30 am. Open Day. 10.00. Londor 71.00. The Schundour Falls. 11.30. The Addams Family. 12.00. Londor 1.10 pm. Family. 12.00. Londor 1.10 pm. Family. 1.35. Merrie Meli dies. 2.00. Soccer Special. 3.00. Un Versity Challring. 3.30. Vall Till 1 of Falher Gets Home. 4.00. London. 9.4 Ellly Liar. 10.15. London. 12.05 ap. Wedling. HTV CYMRU/WALES. J. HTV except: 0.35-6.55 pm. Liusein i Bererindod.

Westward

Anglia 9:05 am. Yoga for Health 9:30, Sur-yini, 10:00. London, 11:27, Skipov. 12:00. London 1:10 pm. The Adven-lurer, 1:35, Wrether, 1:40. Framing, 2:10 Maich of life Week, 3:00, Tarzan, The Fanalics, 4:00. London, 11:25, Paxien at the Colston, 12:05 am.

Yorkshire 10.00 am, London, 11.30, Choirs of the World, Solvaultene, Nortway 1, 12.00, London, 1.10 pm, Larming, 1.40, Fnor-ball Special, 2.35, Film: The Grooke Hoarts, with Rosalind Russolt, Oouglas Farbants Jan, Maurern Ofsinitys, 4.00, London, 11.35-12.05 Night Gal-

Border

BBC 2 5.10 The Engioeer through the Looklog Glass, Royal Insti-tution Lectures to Young People by Professor Eric _aithwaite. News Review of the Year. More Ways Thao One: The Mystic Spiral—Science and Religion. The World About Us:

Valdes—Bay of the Whales.
Film, Shadow of the Thio
Man (1941) with William
Powell, Myroa Loy.*
Lost: Lencashire Police reconstruct a search for a A Day with Dana.
Florence: The Fifth Element—the Floreotines.

11.25 News.
11.30-11.35, Gabriel Woolf reads Io Santa Maria del Popolo, by Thom Gunn.

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Grampian 11.30am, Table Tennis, 12.00, London, 1.10, frm. The American Claim, 1.10, Scotsport, 3.10, Ostrogerman, 4.00, London, 1.00, 6.55, Appeal, Million, Salerasis Society (Scotland), 7.00, London, 11.35, Prayors.

B.00 sm. Farming. 9.30. Citions: Rights. 10.00. London. 11.50. Ultimord World. 12.00. London. 11.50. Ultimord Inney. 2.10. Sur. Sec. of 3.11. Cartoon. 3.15. Film. Playmates. 4.25. The Guldon Shot. 3.35. Febr. Cold by Where You Find III. Vib. Eddle Byrne. Dornool Kelly. San. Kaod 6.05-11.33. Ulster

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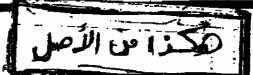
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7.15 am. April III Ghar Sampling. 7.45. Bells. 50. Reading. 7.45. Weather 8.00. News. 8.10. Santage 6.20. Sunday 8.30. Fredammer Heyr. 8.20. Sunday 8.30. Fredammer Heyr. 8.30. Sunday 8.30. The Areans. 10.30. Service area 3.30. The Areans. 10.30. Service area 3.30. The Areans. 10.30. Service area 3.30. Service area 3.30. History Carrons, Transaction, 1998.

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" You describe it perfectly", said Mr Peach.

"Yes", said Pussy Owl modestly, "I have literary as well as musical talent. flowever, all this singing and flying—to say nothing of having to correct your mistakes—has made me hungry. I think I'll go and have my luoch ow."

"I think that would be an excellent idea". Mr Peach replied in a wearied

voice.
"Mr Pumpelwitz; Mrs Frax.", Pussy
Owl called, "Have you got some lunch

"Yes, Pussy Owl", said Mrs Frax, standing up and raising ber shopping bag so that Pussy Owl could see it. "In bere." "Right", said Pussy Owl. "Well now. Melba. I'm too bungry to sing any more at present. I'm never in my best voice on an empty stomach. I'll sing for you again

"No need", Mr Melba said, "I've heard what I wanted to bear. I know now that you're audible if you sing while you fly

"I", Mr Peach said, "bave heard rather more than I wented to heer "I needn't come back, then", Pussy Owl said, "till the beginning of term.

way to atart the year! And you

may do so, if you have the

funds, for the man from Cuoard

tells me that berths are still

available. You will have to pay

upwards of £2,300 for the trip

and you should burry, for the

age. Both will be occupied.

cover next spring.

all taken.

Thar's just as well. I'm extremely busy at present."

"We haven't decided yet", Mr Peach said in a marning tone, "whether to

"I haven't decided yet whether I want to cume. I shan't make up my mind until I know which upera you're putting on this term. It might not be one I'd want to be in."

"Which opera we do is still under discussion", said Mr Pearh, "It depends on the voices we have available among the students." "I could sing any of the roles", said Pussy Owl, "from bass to sopraoo, Io fect, I could sing all the roles."

"Not when two or more people sing at the same time", Mr Peach said. "Even you, with your unique gifts, could scarcely perform a duet or a trio."

"I suppose not", Pussy Owl said, though he didn't sound convinced, "I can certeinly sing loudly enough for two or three. Still, it might be better if I take only one role, because then, when I'm not actually singing, I can conduct." "I conduct our end-of-term perform-eoces", said Mr Peach in a rather roll-ing thunderous voice.
"Anyway", said Mr Tripple, looking up for a moment, "Pussy Owl will be busy

in the orchestra-playing the triangle." "Can you think of an opera with a good part for the triangle?" Pussy Owl asked in a chatty way.

"Turandot", suggested Mr Tripple. "It makes great use of all the percussion instruments, to create a Chinese effect." "Then we'd better do Turandot", Pussy Owl said decisively.

"Pussy Owl", Mr Peach said in a stern decide which opera we do. Though as e matter of fact Mr Melba did mention that he was considering doing something, not necessarily Turaodot, by Puccini." "Lots of people", Pussy Owl remarked

in a careless but perfectly audible murmur. "make the mistake of pronouncing that name like that." "It is NOT a mistake. In Italian, a c that is followed by an c or an i is pronounced ch." Mr Peach glared at Pussy Owl for a moment and then, leaning forward in his seat so as to confront Pussy Owl's face on its own level, said deliberately "Ch ch ch ", as though imitating a steam traio.

"By the way", be added, "all students at the Peach-Melba School of Opere bave to learn Italian and German." "Grook ", said Pussy Owl.

"That word is neither Italian oor Ger-"No, of course not", said Pussy Owl.

It's Pussy-Owl. I speak Pussy-Owl. English, Freoch, Italiao and German. Of course I know bow to procounce a c in Italian when it's followed by an e or i. The mistake I referred in, which is a very commoo one, is to suppose thet that composer's nome is spelt with a c et ell. It bappens that he's another of my ence-tors: in the Italian branch of the family. So I bappen 10 know through family tradition that the original and authentic form of the name is Pussini."

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"Thlunk", said Pussy Owl.

"Well it needu't be argued out at this moment", Mr Peach said wearily. "Quite probably we shan't be doing en opera by Pu— by your Italian ancestor, at ell. Mr Melba and I have also been considering the possibility of doing some Wagner. Of course, we'd dn noly nne act. A whole work would be a bit too lnng and a bit too taxing for a student performance. I think Mr Melba was wondering whether we might do some of Parsifal."

"I was", Mr Melba said slnwly. "But now I think —".

"Nnw I think", said Pussy Owl, interrupting, "that I really must bave my lunch."

He set off, walking with srumpy, clumping steps, up the centre aisle-Come on Mrs Frax; come oo Pumpelwitz", be said as be passed the row where they were sitting, and they fell in behind him. "I hope it's a decent lunch you've

got me."

He reached the back of the auditorium. Mr Pumpelwitz opened the door. Pussy Owl turned round for a moment. All right, Peach All right, Melba", called down the auditorium. "Let

me Know whet opera you decide on, so that I can atart learning my role. Parsital would be quite e good role for me." "We're relieved to bave your approval", Mr Peach said. "By the way, Peach ", Pussy Owl called. "How's your German?" "One doesn't like to boast", Mr Peach

replied, "or at least some people don't

like to boast, but, since you ask me, my German is pretty sound." "Good", said Pussy Owl. "Then I suppose you realize that 'Parsifal' is the Germao for 'Pussy Fowl'." An extract from a short story by Brigid

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Travel

Starting the year in regal style

cruise around the world. What a sions, estalagems and similar makes low cost establishments throughout the mainland continent. The touring motorist can escape the popular, and higher priced, routes and regions, and take advantage of hotel booking

1.400 places on board are almost tourist offices. A considerable number (if At a time when most of us booking reports are anything to ere weighing up the 1975 prosgo by) are already planning pects and wondering - "Where camping holidays and I have do we go from here?" it is been specifically investigating nice to know that some people the merits of a company called hare the answer. Bali, and Canvas Holidaya, which takes all Hongkong, Cape Town and the dookey work out of camp-Acapulco, Curacao, Rio de iog by supplying ready erected, laniero and Honolulu are just a fully equipped frame tents on few of the ports along the way. selected sites. More about that Shore excursions are, of course, in January. extra and range from £2.70 for a half-day bus trip round New If boliday sacrifices bave to

Ynrk to £685 for an eight-day be made, parents are loath to safari in Africa. Incideotally, deprive children of a summer the QE2's pair of penthouses break. Consequently I believe cost £42,000 each on this voy that bolidays for unaccompanied children, both in Britain and Looking beyond that particuabroad, will do well in 1975, and lar plum of a trip and surveying if you intend to send your childthe rest of the fruit on the ren to the equivalent of "sumtravel trade's stall, there is mer camp", as I am, an early plenty to make the mouth water, approach is advised. One paralthough a certain amount of ticular company PGL, which blight has been attacking the operates from Ross-on-Wye, is crop, as we are likely to dis- already receiving firm bookings for next summer, although its As far as 1975 prospects are brochure will not be published concerned, I intend to write until early next month. Again, more fully of certain boliday I shall be dealing with that type

botels are awaiting us, as ever, catering movement will receive day round the world voyage on January 8, and although 1.100 The luxury villas and five star Clearly, the coure selfbut this may prove to be the year we have to pass them by and trim our ambitions to suit "reduced circumstances".

For this reason—petrol prices and rationing notwithstanding—labeliewe that many people will believe that many people will a boost next year, whether one hires a boat on an English canal, a cottage in Devon, or a villa in Spain or Portugal. (Incidentally, one of the major boat biriog companies in the Norfolk Broads, is reported to runse I mentioned earlier but the control of the round trip, I am told some two-bedded cabins are available—at prices which range from £2.834 to £6,589 per person. A trifle more expensive than the QE2 cruise I mentioned earlier but this may prove to be the soort next year, whether one passengers are already booked for the round trip, I am told some two-bedded cabins are available—at prices which range from £2.834 to £6,589 per person. A trifle more expensive than the QE2 I believe that many people will Norfolk Broads, is reported to cruise I mentioned earlier, but

Next Saturday, the QE2 sets out take their own cars abroad and be already completely booked you do get a few more days from Southampton on a 32-day seek accommodation in pen- up for 1975-or as oear as little difference. "They'll be at the Boat Show, as usual, but it's bardly worth their while". I was told last Bigger boats-cruise liuers

-pose a problem for anyone schemes operated through local studying 1975 form. On the one band they bave the advantages of a loyal clientele, 10 wbom they offer the financial inducements of daily life at "duty free" rates oo board. On the other, there is the mammoth coat of fuel which must play bavoc with fare projections and all other calculatioos. Yet I was impressed by the optimism of Mr Bob Duffett, the European sales director of Norwegian Caribbean Lines, when he launched his company's 1975 programme, which is more than ever aimed at the British market.

Optimism, too, from Chadris, with an expanded series of Caribbean cruises between now and mid-April and over 140 cruises from European ports between March and October. Most of these are the "fly and cruise" formula, operating from Amsterdam, Cannes. Venice and Piraeus.

There are some fairly mouth watering offers in the P & O programme, too, with Arcadia, Canberra and Oriana operating 28 cruises out of Southampideas during the early weeks of the new year. Broadly speaking, the choice at home or though, the choice at home or though. The choice at home or though the choice at home or though the choice at home or this type of holiday. Incident that the choice at home or this type of holiday. Incident that the choice at home or the choi

fur the money!

As for the "traditional package holiday abroad, I fear the Court Line lesson has not been learned by the tour compaoy manufacturers of this product. Certainly they seem to bave finally seem the light as far as prices and profitability Ro, but once again there will be far too maoy "packages" on

It has been estimated with authority, that for every two bolidays sold, one will remain unsold. If this comes to pass, we shall pay—literally, because the holidays we buy "subsi-dize" the ones we don't, and figuratively when tour companies indulge in their spring-

time antics of "consolidation". On a brighter note, the Association of British Travel Agents bas finally done something about the brochure booking conditions—with encouragement, and possibly more, from Mr John Methven, Director General of Fair Trading. They look like being phased out as new brochures are printed—for all practical purposes, the winter holiday season should see them

Mr Peter Shore has promised to make your decision as soon that legislation will be introduced early in 1975 to protect
bolidaymakers and to compensate the "victims" of the Court

small botels Line collapse. (In passing, a number of that company's employees suffered far more than the loss of a bolidey, or boli-day money, but nobody has sug-

gested compensating them.)

Mr Reg Law, of the Court Line Action Group, reckons that over 100,000 people are involved. His group bas been pressing for 100 per cent com-pensarion and legislation to protect future bolidaymakers both of which abould be achieved in the new year. The group's third request, for an inquiry into the Court Line collapse, seems unlikely to be

To return to my main theme of bolidaymaking, various authorities in Britain are predicting a bumper year, although rising costs are, if anything bitting harder here than abroad. The English Holidoys '75 publication, which I mentioned on this page last month, should do much to encourage bookings much to encourage bookings I appreciate Mr Rogers' con-and, again, my advice would be cern, while rejecting his argu-

Bookings should certainly

encourage those thousands of small botels and guest houses which are operating oo a knife edge at present. Many did not bave a good season last sum-mer, despite the general trend towards holidays in Britain, and all are facing high bills as a result of recent fire regula-To dispose of the gloom in

one go, it is certain that several hundred travel agents will go out of business by the end of the financial year. The squeeze for prompt payment bas been put oo them by tour companies. airlines and so on and they are caught in the classic "cash flow" problem. Estimates vary, but 700 agencies through-out the country is the likeliest total.)

Writing to me (again, rather gloomily) from Edg-baston, a Mr Rogers suggested recently that holidays abroad were "unpatriotic" and that writers on the subject should encourage people to take their bolidays in Britain in 1975.

to do as they wish with their disposable income buy cars or clothes, give it to book-makers or endow cats' bomes. Equally they should choose what boliday suits them and travel jnurnalists should choose subjects that reflect all tastes—the merit of the subject, not its geographical loca-tion being the only criterion. Heaven forbid that it should be "parrione" to boost Black-

pool at the expense of Benidorm, or promote Cornwall in lieu of Brittany. For bolidays, travel, tourism—call it what you will—is an international, two-way traffic. If we stop going abroad, those "foreigners" could just as easily stop coming to Britain, and that would be disastrous, notwithstanding the opinious of Sir George Young and other critics of Britain's tourist effort. In sum, then, the prospects for our holidays in 1975 are

patchy, but generally optimis-tic, with most of us baving to lower our sights, maybe, And likely to be pleasantly surprised at the result.

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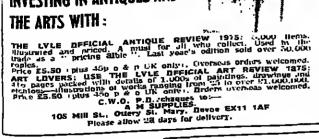


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Once, in July, a well-known writer asked what should be them gripping the inside of done with the opened but unfinished bottles of wines left over from Christmas and was quite annoyed when I replied that most were probably no longer even of use in the kitchen. The action of air inevitably makes drinks deteriorate. aome more rapidly than is generally aupposed.

Most table wines will certainly remain in an enjoyable coodition for 24 bours, if corked and kept in a cool place. The extremely old and the very delicate are the exceptions, but these will probably be drunk only on special occasions and finished at once.

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exceptions, but these will probably be drunk only on special occasions and finished at once.

If more than balf the wioe in the bottle is consumed, it is a good idea to decamt the rest into a half bottle or small decanter—there are many of the imperial pint or balf litre size, as often these were used for cordials. This reduces the amount of air m which the wioe is exposed. The very sweet table wines, auch as Sauternes, will keep for several days, if in a cool place or the least cold part of the refrigerator, but the very fine sweet German wines, which tend to be lighter io alcobol, may not list as long, although it is perfectly practicable to finish at lunch the remains of a bottle of this sort of wine served the previous night at dinner.

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retains the fizz in the wine, If you decant sherry (or a wedged-shaped segment port). remember that should be cut out of the decaner stoppers are musbroom cork, which can generally of a looser fit than then be forced back and corks, so air gets into the should be tied down with decanter in addition to what string. Plastic stoppers are may already he there. Acstring. Plastic stoppers are may already be there. As used nowadays for many finos should anyway be sparkling wines and these served cool or lightly chilled, can simply be pushed back except in the coldest

and lose much of their smell. Opinions vary, but I would not keep this kind of wine, unopened, in the refrigerator for more than 24 bours and ideally never for longer than ten. And although, in an emergency, a bottle of not too fine white wine can be subjected to 15 minutes in the freezer, don't forger that it is there, or you will bave an iced lolly of something an iced lolly of something that that will never taste quite right again : 11-12 minutes in a bucket of ice and water will

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What Dr Wallace and his amily had experienced was an arthquake. But they were not issting Japan, California, the Mediterranean or any other of the world's known helts of destructive earthquakes. This was Colchester, Essex, where such things were unheard of. In the town itself more than 100 buildings were damaged. But the hrunt of the damage was taken by villages closer to the shock centre to the east and south-east of Colchester. At Peldon, for example, no house or cottage escaped and 70 per ccot of chimney stacks were thrown down. Nobody was killed, but within an area of thrown down. Nobody was killed, but within an area of about 150 square miles more than 1,200 buildings required

repair.
The Colchester earthquake of 1834 was the most destructive erer known in Britain and was felt as far away as Exeter in the west and beyond York in the north. But it was not the first British earthquake; nor, contrary to popular belief, are

tsuch eveots uncommon.

The late Dr Charles Davison, who speot moch of his life studying bistorical records of Britisb earthquakes and trying to distinguish fact from fancy, concluded that the first clearly documented shock occurred just 1,000 years ago in AD974 when, according to Symeon of Durbam, "a great earthquake took place over all England". Since the earthquakes have been known to take place at an average rate of more than 120 a ceotury, although this is cer-tainly a gross underestimate. Io the earlier periods a relatively small and poorly educated popu-lation meant that only the larger sbocks in the more densely populated areas were ob-served and reported. The result is that only 98 earthquakes were recorded up to the middle of the recorded up to the middle of me eighteenth cectury, and most of these were described only very hriefly by chroniclers.

Thus, for example, did stow report that in 1133 "an earthquake was fair so that it

earthquake was felt, so that it was thought that the earth woulde have sunke under the feete of man, with such a ter rible sound, as was horrible to heare". Likewise Holinshed who says that "on the mondaie in the weeke hefore Easter [1185], land, such a one as the like had not beene heard of in England sithens the heginning of the world. For stones that laie couched fast in the earth, were removed out of their places, stone houses were overthrown, and the great church of Lin-colne was rent from the top downwards."

But from the eightcenth century onwards such brief, general descriptions from historians began to give way to longer, more detailed reports from scientists, largely as a result of the spectacular events of 1750. In that year, the "year of earthquakes" as Dr William Stukeley was to call it, four large shocks occurred in cantres of population of populatioo—two in London, one in Chichester and ooe in Northampton. The Loodoo earthquakes in particular generated such alarm that members of the Royal Society were compelled to take a serious scientific interest in the phenomeooo, since when the record megoo, since when the recording and reporting of earth-quakes has gradually improved. By world standards, of course, British aarthqoakes are small; the energy released in Colches-ter io 1884 was several hundred times less than that released in San Francisco in 1906. Californians, Japanese and Sicilians could he forgiven for regarding the British effort as derisory. For some curious reason known only to oature the larger British earthquake and the larger British town seem not to have collided during the past few decades to the extent that they did during the eighteanth and nineteenth ceoturies. Cer-

of Colchester is sufficient to prove, however, that British earthquakes can be more than toere harmless curiosities. Peter J. Smith

tainly there is oo modern couo-

ford which was hit by 20 earthquakes between 1853 and

1924, including two (in 1863 and

1896) almost as powerful as the Colchester shock. The history

Parole is still the best hope of preventing a young prisoner's return to crime

One effect of the Younger Report on young adult offenders has been to bring to a head an issue which io the past has usually divided judges from penologists. But, interestingly, it has done so at a rime when a few of both are crossing the floor to join the other side. For the Younger committee

has alarmed not only some judges but also two Oxford penologists. Dr Hood and Dr Hawkins, by recommending the extension of the concept of parole, with increased flexibility, to all custodial sentences for young adults.

What they are objection to, bowever, is not really the appli-cation of the idea of parole to this age group, but the whole idea of parole of which the essence is the executive's power to release a prisoner before the end of a period specified by the

Dr Hood has assembled six

arguments:

If the justification for executive release is that the offender has reached a stage of "treatment" at which he is less likely to reoffend than when he went in, there is no evidence that custodial treatment, even in the most progressive institutions, has this effect, or that if it has custodial staff can tell when it has custodial staff can tell when

This is a good example of the way to which an argument which is sound so far as it goes can blind those who accept it to other considerations. For it implies that "reatment" is the only thing that can happen inside to reduce recidivism. In the first place, as anyone who has spent any time with prisoners knows, the great majority of prisooers dislike being inside, hat this effect seems to wear off. One can grant

the ineffectiveness of treatment

and yet argue that the prisooer should he released hefore he has

learned to "do his bird the easy Secondly, it is sometimes not until an offeoder is in custody that the situation which is con-tributing to his behaviour begins to be understood. One does not have to believe in "treatment" to hope that by alleviating simple problems one will reduce likelihood of further

The second argument is: Executive release amounts to "re-sures than those of staff to

sentencing", because it takes ioin account Information which the account information which the court had in mind when sentencing. The length of the sentence already reflects midgating or aggravating considerations; coorts are better informed about the circumstants. cumstances of the offence than institutional staff, who may indeed treat it as irrelevant.

This is a subtle distortion of the main argument for executive discretion; namely, that instead of treating a custodial sentence as irrevocable it allows it to be modified in the light of later or better information. The first suggestio falsi is that the parole board's information coincides with the court's, where as it extends well heyood it. But eveo if it did not, the board uses it in a different way: for example, to assess not culpability but the likelihood of further law-breaking. To call this "re-sentencing" is there-

fore, doubly misleading. But even if parole were resentencing, what is so wrong with that? The system actually provides for it by allowing offenders to appeal against sentence: and other systems— such as the French—allow even later reviews of senteoces. I see oothing wrong—and indeed something desirable—in

the idea of a review of a sentence, especially of a long prisoo seotence. The third argument: The indeterminate sentence puts the prisoner so much in the hands of "treaters" that it may oot only distort his response hut also make him afraid to protest against undesirable features of the institution.

why the decision to grant parole is deliberately taken out of the hands of institution But this is ooe of the reasons staff hy an elaborate machinery. Inevitably local review committees are to some extent influenced by the reports of staff, as are the parole board. Yet if one recognizes this danger, one must also see that

it cannot he abolished hy abolishing parole, for it is also inherent in remission, which Dr Hood does not attack, and in other features of the prison Indeed, even a prisooer who can expect no remission can be subjected to other pressures.

'I see nothing wrong, and indeed something desirable, in the idea of

which a prisooer can succumb: one is conformity with what is called "the iomate sub-culture".

a review

of a sentence

The fourth argument: The length of sentence should reflect the relative harmfulness of offences, and therefore should be fixed by judges, not the executive.

Even if we grant the premise for the sake of argument, why must it be a judge who assesses the relative harm? Dr Hood simply appeals to the doctrine that an important function of the sentence is to declare and upbold society's condemnation of the offeoce: if so, the public trial is certainly the place for

The weaknesses in the occlaratory argument, however, are optorious. First, there is oo evidence that senteoces function io this way. Secood, it raise of society" as if it were monolithic, with only one set oi values: but a seoteoce wbich declares the coodemostico of Belgravia might well outrage the sectiments of Bermondsey. Anyway, it is essential to this fuoction that the time actually

served be closely related to the time pronounced. Or is it sufficient that the judge bas said "six years", and so set the time for which the offender may In do Dr Hood justice, he is also urging sborter sentences,

alleged declaratory effect would be weakened by early release. But if so, would not the virtual certainty of remission be more narraging than the mere possibility of parole?

The fifth argument : Judicial deci-The fifth argument: Judicial decisions made with reasons are open to review and debate, whereas decisions based upoo clinical diagnosis and [which] have the status of "professional expertise" are difficult to attack and hard to appeal against.

appeal against.
It is unfair to imply that the alteroative to judicial decision is mere
clinical diagnosis, when the derisions to release depend on many
considerations, lew if any of which
are "clinical". Again, it is
implied that executive decisions are
out reasoned, whereas the worst
that can be said as that the reasons
are not notified viven. Thirdly, we that can be said in that the reasons are not publicly given. Thirdly, we must not idealize judicial reasonsing. It is almost always soundly based on its premists, but in it limited by these premises. Once the judge has decided that imprisonment is called for, in most cases he is then bound to ask himself: "What is the mound to ask himself: "What is the mound range-for this type of offence?" Having done so, he may theo reason that be should go above or below this, according to any aggravating or mitigating circumstances. But he is normally bound by the tariff; and indeed, it is difficult to imagine a judicial system in which there would not have to be some sort of tariff, whether for reasons of retributive justice, demunication, deterrence or mere equity. deterrence or mere equity.

The sixth argument: The prisoner's confidence in the just operation of the system is im-

Again, it is the implication rather than the direct statement which needs scrutiny. It is im-plied that the prisoner has a confidence in the justice of a judicial sentence which he does not bave in an executive decision. To counter nne sweeping generalization with acother, :1 would be truer to say that the nas confidence neither. He knows that the length of a jodicial senteoce varies from ooe court to another, since the normal range of semences allows considerable freedom. Dr Hood bimself points out—with statistics—how widely the length of sentence for robbery varies from one part of the country to another : yet he uses this fact nuly to support but sentences which mean what the proposal to leave it to courts they say. Certaioly the shorter to shorten sentences!

Finally, on argument which Dr Hool does not use, but which others have, is: That enecutive discretion allows administrators to reduce the time served inside in response to pressures, such as overcrowding, to

which they should not respond.

D: Hood himself expressly accepts the need for a powe to release a minority of dangerous offenders before the end of a long sentence. In other words, the executive can be crusted to decide that a man is no longer dangerous, but not that he has been successfully treated. This position is tenable only if it is conceded that the executive can make rational decisions which are not based on the rotion of "treatment"; and when this is conceded, the anst argument collapses.

There is undoubtedly, however, a fear that executive discretion will result in premature release of dangerous offenders whether because of optimism or may be prison systems to which in 5 is a real possibility. But the saleguards built into the English system seem to be a airly good protection against

Assume a most enlikely ciuation in which a Home Secretary would like to release a dangerous prisocer prema-turely. He cannot do so simply on the advice of prison staff and civil servants: the parole board must recommend the

There are undentable defects in the present parole system: but they call for amendment rather than abolition. The arguments discussed do not cutweigh its essential advanta. ges, namely the possibility of reconsidering the leogth of sentence (i) at a later date (ii) in the light of later and better infermation than sentencer could have (III) a hody which includes judges but not only judges.

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How the Order of the Bath climbed the chivalry charts

Prince Charles was in the news how the young king way recently for attending a convivaccompanied by a body of all party, with cider, at the knights who, having been only Devon towo of Okehampton, washed in a bath, assumed with his fellow helicopter their knightly dress, and fliers from the Fleet Air Arm escorted him to the palace." based at Yeovilton. On the sion to his great-uncle, the late

Henry, Duke of Gloucester. From the trivial to the tremendous is not such a great stcp. The Prince of Wales had just passed his test as a naval lying man, and the banners of the Knights Grand Cross of the Order, which bang in the Chapel of Henry VII at Westtary men-meo like Mountbatten of Burma, Montgomery, and "Bomber" Harris. He is a fitting successor to the soldier-

In comparisoo with the delicate tracery of the chapel roof, huilt by the hrothers Ver-tuc, who ioclude St George's Chapel, Windsor, bome of the Garter Knights, and King's College Chapel, Cambridge, among their fac-tracery achieamong their factracery achieventents (the first was at the Divinity School at Oxford) the hancers of the Knights of the Bath seem almost gaudy in their hrightness. The only emhroidered hanner, at the west end of the Chapel, is that of the Sovereigo. The pole opposite, which bore the personal standard of Henry, Duke of Gloucester, is empty. The title Gloucester, is empty. The title is not hereditary. Soon the

Prioce of Wales' standard will be there. Westminster Abhey is visited hy some six or seven million people every year, and the Henry VII Chapel, with the Confessor's Shrine and the Coronation Chair nearby, is it the show-piece. Indeed, could claim to be one of the most beautiful chapels in Europe, with its massive bronze doors, and the tomh of King Henry and his wife, ringed with the iron grille, all

the work of the Italian Torri-giani—and with the banners of the Bath which lead the eye up to that symphony in stone, the roof itself. Guides pause with their groups, which may come from Milwaukee or Milan, Tokyo or Toronto, Melbouroe or Man-Toronto, Melbouroe or Manchester, for this is the penultimate momeot of the Abbey
tour, hefore the glimpse of the
Coronatioo Chair, with its
Stone of Scone. As a Marsbal
at Westminster Abbey this season, I found it difficult to
explain the story of the Order
of the Bath with the brevity
expected by the hurrying

expected by the hurrying tourist. The basic details are easy: it is an analysis of chivalry, and when knights were bold they were also bathed. The cleaning ceremony was to express a document. was to express a desire for purity of living. The ritual was actually associated with a bath—it's nothing to do with the or Bath—and so on But the more one studies the history of the Order, the more obvious it becomes that only

after its re-constitution by King George the First, who actually took a bath in com-pany with his knights in 1725, did the Order hecome an offi-cial ooe, as it is known today. Its status is what one might call number four in the chivalcall number four in the chivalry charts, following the Garter,
the Thistle, and St Patrick. It
was set up in 1725 by Prime
Minister Robert Walpole (at
the suggestion of one John
Anstis, Garter King-at-Arms)
as a military order, and not
until 1847 was it divided, as it
is today, into military and civil

classes. Classes.
There is, therefore, a sort of dichotomy between the present Order, onw headed by Prince Charles, which figures in every Honours List, and the picturesque but rather ill-defined group of knights who first appeared at the coronaries of appeared at the coronation of King Richard II in July, 1377. Dean Stanley, in his famous book on the Abbey, describes

shire marked this week its offi-cial return—more thao four

centuries after Henry VIII dis-

solved the monasteries—10 something like its original fuoc

tion, with very early morning Mass, self-help, communal liv-iog and sufficiency agriculture.

Medieval refuge

where exiles can dream

of home

A medieval abbey io Oxford before he moved into the abbey

England.

is today, into military and civil

But there are even earlier same day a more prosaic but references. Bathing was menequally fitting announcement timed at the knighting of was made that the Queen had Henry Plentagener in 1127, appointed ber son to be Great Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in successions of the present Abbey was built.

At the coronation of Henry IV in 1399, 46 squires were created knights, with the full

bathing ritual, the mea being wrapped afterwards io hlankets. It is almost as if Colonel Blimp, emerging from his Turkish both, was the first to be entitled to the Order. When Anne Boleyn received her costly, coruscated, dazzling minster, are most of them mili- coronation in 1533, the Knights of the Bath were there, "in gowns of violet, parfled with miniver like doctors". But in the celebrated painting by Canaletto, incorporating the procession nutside the twin towers of the Ahbey, the knights are robed in red. Today their robes are of oyster sarin, with scarlet linings, and the sight of the Knights at a ceremonial service is some-thing no one could forget. The Garter ceremony at Windsor is the one which gets all the poblicity, but I will wager that woen Prince Charles is

woen Prince Charles is installed as Great Master, the

Bath ceremony will be a truly

noble nne.

Robert Walpole received royal letters ratest in 1725, setting up the sovereign as the supreme head of the Order, with a royal prince as his com-panion, a Great Master and 35 companions. The first Muster was Lord Montagu, Earl of Halifax, and the Dean of Westminster was made Dean of the Order. It is said that Walpole encouraged his king to revive the Order hecause be had had so many applications from would-be holders of the Order of the Garter. "As such", writes Dean Stanley, "he offered it to Sarah, Duchess of Mariborough, for her grand-son. "No". she said. "nothing but the Garter." "Madam", said Walpole. "they who take the Bath will the sooner have the Garter." Under the new statutes, the first knight created was a four-year-old boy, later to become William, Duke of Cumberland, son of King George II, Because of his teoder age, he was excused the ceremony of the bath, but pre-sented a small sword at the sented a small sword at the altar in the Henry VII chapel, where all the Bath ceremonies bave since taken place. Today, when a private wedding or christening is held in the Chapel, it is likely that a member of one of the two families has close connexions with

the Order. There are six present office-holders in addition in the Great Master: the Dean, Bath King-at-Arms, the register and secretary, a genealogist, the gentleman usher of Scarles Rod, and a deputy secretary.

The question so often asked by visitors to Westminster Abbey and the Henry VII Chapel is, "How long do those hauners stay there?" The simple answer is that they dis-appear with the death of the man whose oame and title they represent. But the coordinity is kept by the placing of a small medallion, displaying his name and armorial bearings, on one of the walls behind the choirstalls. The earlier medallions are all inscribed in French. but they are oow modernized. Americao visitors are glad to know that Dwight D. Eisenhower, as a geoeral, was dur-ing bis later lifetime a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. So, hetweeo the trappings of history and the terse print of the Honours Lists, the Order of the Bath continues, centred io Westminstar Ahhey. Prince Charles, with has naval and flying record, should prove a

fitting new Great Master. Michael Barsley

with his wife Mary, their five

He was expelled from the ter-ritory by the South Africans for

championing the rights of strikers to 1972 and came to

He sees the althey as a place where exiles like himself can meet and forget their bedsitter

loneliness and frustration;

where seven or eight Namibian

students could live togather in an atmosphere of love while

studying courses which would

aelp their country after iode-

"We have got to try and de-Westernize the church, and get

back to an integrity of ministry.

working beside the people and going back to the biblical roots which link Christianity with the labouring Poor, and developing

an Africao rhythou aod style".

he says.

Peter Katjivivi. the Loodon representative of the South West

Africa People's Organization.

children and two assistants.

The year veterans showed youngsters a thing or two

Sportsview

At the age of 51, Percy Wells Cerutty, an Australian athletics coach and minor guru, finished a marathon in a Victorian State record time and later became only the third Australian to run work again, and probably live for only two years. His recovery was medically and athletically baffling and eccentric: be took batting and eccentric: be took up walking and running and studied philosophy, religion and physiology. Later he said: "It was like becoming a child again and helieving in fairy godmothers." Several times this year I bave heen reminded of Cerutty when "old men" in a variety of sports flourished
Even in this midwinter mooth,
Colin Cowdrey was whisked
away for an Indian summer in
Australia Recalled to duty for
England at 41, he appeared to
the old cricket enemy as some
portly country source who portly country squire, who would blow red in the face. Cynically they said England had come to a sorry plight when a gentleman had to he called from his port wine at Christmas time to face fast bowlers sling-

ing cannon shot bead-high.

Cowdrey repelled them with
Fred Titmus, a year his senior,
as his lientenant. Titmus was the highest scorer for England in a second Test that shattered the younger men. Only a formight hefore he had asked our Cricket Correspondent, John Woodcock, to write home that he was "alive and well". These over-thirties are the mellow men, who remind us of days wheo players did oot come "out of the tunnel as if going to Vietnam", the descrip-tion by Joa Mercer when he, too, was brought hack to he Eoglaod's football "caretaker manager" with refreshing effect on the minds and feet of players previously regi-

meoted by numbers.

Placing age hefora the selfclaimed beauty of Muhammad
Ali, the champion veteran of 1974, was Sam Suead, 62, a golfer who in successive de-cades played against Sarzzen, Nelson, Hogan, Palmer, and Nicklaus, and was spry enough this summer to finish equal third io the American PGA championship.

Reg Harris: He came hack to beat riders half his age. him were Trevino and Nicklaus. He then came to England and in practice for the Bensoo and Hedges "tournament Fulford

yards. After the PGA event, Peter Ryde, our Golf Correspondent, said: "The golfing puolic has become used to his extraordinary defiance of the years, but io a highly competitive world, his performance must rank as ooe of the greatest for his age."

had a bole in one from 194

Reg Harris, five times world sprint champion in days wheo crowds packed Herne Hill, not only returned to cycle racing and won the British professional sprint championship at 54, but revived the forgotten feeling for ao occasion—now they call it "showmanship" because if it The only names ahead of is seen at all in sport it is

usually cootrived and affecta-At Leicester io the summer.

Harris, beaming prosperity and riding the same red Raleigh bike oo which he won his world titles, hear riders half his age. The crowd stood to applaud. Harris stood alone on the track and bowed. He presented his and bowed. He presented his wifa with the bouquet, and said he measured his success by seven hroadcasts, three televisioo interviews, and countless press conferences".

Harris's name reappearing io the record book will raise the same questions that a future generation will inquire of Ken Rosewall. In his book The Tennis Set, my colleague, Rex Bellamy, said: "Youngsters now in their cots and cradles will ask: 'Hey, were all those Rosewalls the same guy?

Rosewall bas made several final, farewell appearances at Wimbledon. His latest is always his last, and the last was nearly his last, and the last was nearly his best. This year, at 39, be was the oldest finalist since 1912, and the only man to play io finals 20 years apart. Already he had become the first to win the United States singles cham-pionship across a span of 14.

Wimhledoo 74 was to have continued the naw era of the pop image" personified in Bjorn Borg, the David Essex of tennis, the Swedish idol who would bring the girls stampeding across the hallowed centre court. Instead, it brought sighs and gasps and polite tea-time applause from middle-aged mothers as the Brylcreem Rosewall fought to the final, beating

than he did himself (one last chance: play for time, Ken, for time will not play for you. powerful octopus arms. At one point the American served for the match and, dolefully, Rosewall's eyes studied the ground. Smith missed a volleyed return and Rosewall went on to make what Bellamy described as "the best recovery in the history of tennis", playing like a 17-year old to reach the final. There be was defeated by

We felt Rosewall's age more

James Connors, who later heat him in the United States cham-pionships as well But Rosewall will always be "the nice guy among the hullies"-Bellamy's words. Muhammad Ali also hridged

a decade, though in a sport that had degenerated in his absecce. At the end of his journey through the 10 years since he first became world heavyweight champion by knocking out Sonny Liston, there was no bright young star, no Connors of the ring, to silence him at 32.

George Foreman, aged 25, was a more juggernaot on that African night when Ali changed the hutterfly tacings of a life-time and absorbed every punch the champioo could raisa. In the fifth round Ali rested against the hopes for a full minute and the crowd shouted: "Foreman's sold out." In the eighth round Foreman was Neil Allan, our Boxing Corre-

spondent, wrote from Kin-sbasha: "As dawn came up over the stadium we knew that if we had oot seen a great match—it was really too one-sided for that—we had wit-nessed a classic kill which even the lions upcountry might

Angelo Dundee, Ali's trainer, said: "My man was faster; he looked taller, and you know, he actually looked younger."

I will oot deny Ali's right to
the last word: "I want to hauot the boxing world for prohably another six months and have my name in Ring magazine and let all the boxers, scholars, and critics look at it."

Norman Fox

But there are differences: the oew "abbot" is no Anglican bishop and a committed socialist, its "brothers" and chief heneficiaries will be hlack, and the habits of strict worship and celibacy will not apply. The abhey, a rambling house

whose winding passages skirt a flagged inner courtyard, is hidden from the village of Sutton Cnurtenay hy a high stone wall. It will be "reconsecrated" in a very simple and secular fashion, and will be known and will be known, rather grandly, as The Namibia International Peace Centre.

fered, the abbey collected tithes from outlying farms and stored them for the Priory in Abing-don, a couple of miles away. Bot from now on its "tithes" like its visitors, will come from much more diverse and distant places.

The All-Africa Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation have giveo the centre their blessing, and the World Council of Churches has

promised hard cash. But the credit for the enter-

The hishop concedes that the villagers may be slightly in ourved by the sight of a constant stream of black faces, but believes that weekly open evcnings should allay any local

Wealth tax men should spare a thought for Lord Egremont ponies. Nobody was ever quite is lit up oo the dullest of days

With the spirit of goodwill, good works and charity still upoo us (I trust), it may be timely to glance at Mr Healey's prospective wealth taxand then look back.

A wealth tax can no doubt he justified io principle, hut not in Britain. It would be hard to defend in a country already burdened by personal taxation as severa as our own. If existing taxes were appreciably lower, then perbaps the in-novation might be considered

acceptable. Not as things are. One of the inescapable social effects would he to injure charitable causes of every description. Museums, art galleries, cultural, educational and scientific institutions of all kinds would suffer, private patrooage would wither until it was finally extinguished. Everyone would eventually lose those who had to pay the tax and the many more affected by its inexorable con-

sequences.

With this in mind, I was thinking about the superb Turner exhibition at the Royal Academy. That is to say I was thinking about our greatest painter and his principal patron, George Wyndham, third Earl of Egremont.
But for that Lord Egremont

(1751 to 1837), who knows whether Turner could have done as much as be did, or so congenially? Turner and Petworth—Turner and Egremont—are inseparable. I turn to them hoth in the

words of my friend John Egre-moot who died, all too soon, in 1972. I had the pleasure of editing his memoirs, Wyndham and Children First (Macmillan £2.25p) in 1968.

No one could have bad a livelier appreciation of an engaging predecessor. Ha seemed to feel that be had really known ham, and certainly appeared to know everytbing about him. Egremont",

George Hutchinson

wrote, "was bumane, cultured, observant, sprightly, accurate, shrewd, eccentric, benevolent, well grounded in the classics, of literary and artistic bent, highly competent io business and all practical affairs, a leading landowner and agricultural reformer, Lord Lieutenant of his county in the most literal sense of the term, and a win-ner of five Derbys and five Oaks, all hut one with horses bred by himself." He had £100,000 a year.

He was shy, with a strong preference for the company of artists rather than landed gran-dees like himself, going about the great rooms of Perworth House, hat

dogs at his

"He neither drank nor gambled", as John Egremont recorded. "Wine made him unbled " comfortable; and be thought that the constant gains of some players weren't due to chaoce

erous to people io all walks nf life artisans, artists and duchesses. Turner was his frequent guest at Petworth. Under him, Petworth House was like a huge inn with visitors coming and going as they pleased they were wel-

"George Egremont was gen

come without ootice. There was no leave-taking either yoo didn't say goodbye, you just left.

nurses and

sure whose children they were. "There were artists all over the place, some doing original works, others copying Van Dycks. Io the Old Library you might have discovered Sir William Beechey altering the figure and hackground of Gainshorough's portrait of Extensions another. Then there

Egremont's mother. Then there would be Carew, the sculptor, modelling and messing about in his bedroom, or chiselling a medallion or two downstairs." Turner first arrived at Petworth in 1809. We may ima-gine his feelings as he gazed at the house, one of the great palaces of Europe, and its

park. He was given a room to work in, and always kept the door locked: no one but his patron was allowed to enter. Petworth has 22 Turner pictures and they are, said John Egremont, "among the most precious possessions of the house. The Turner Room, where some of them are hung.

by these pictures coruscating ou lion-coloured walls and reflected in a hig rococo looking glass set hetween the windows Light was the ally with which Turner carried all before him, filling his pictures with impalpable and haunting pre-Turner, be wrote, was "a brilliant curmudgeon". Wheo somebody fatuously said to

him of one of his pictures:
"Yes, but you know I never see sunsets as you paiot them", Turner retorted: "No. but wouldn't you like to ?" In George Wyndbam, third Earl of Egremont, a supreme artist found a wonderful patron. There are no patrons quite like him today (no Turners either), hut philan-thropic instincts, and the capacity to satisfy them, bave not been extinguished. The first will oever be extinguished. The secood may.

secood may.

head of the Anglican community from the Newspapers Ltd, 1974 muoion in Namibia, six years

Before King Harry inter-

prise must go to Colin Sinter, who became Bishop of Damara-land io South-West Africa, and

has already set the seal oo the partnership by wielding fork. shears and rake alongside the hishnp, while the process of the abbey's integration into the surrounding community has heen boosted by painting par ties from the teacher maining college at nearby Culhant

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THE CHILTERNS BECKON

It would be a relief for all concerned if Mr John Stonebouse were to apply at once for the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds. If he is still of a mind to start a new life in Australia, if he is permitted to do so, and if he is now capable of a coherent plan of action, he will vacate his sear. But those are big "ifs" in the context of this extraordinary story. It is conceivable that he will let the matter of the membership of the House of Commons lie, or that be will come back and try to reestablish his political career. The second of those alternatives is certainly consonant with his personality.

In case of that, it is possibly worth remembering that he does not hold his seat in Parliament by favour of the Leader of the House, or of the national executive committee of the Labour Party, or of his constituency chairman. He holds it by right of election in North Walsall. Nor, strictly speaking can he or any other MP resign his seat. He can only disqualify himself from occupying it. The painless way of doing that is by applying for the stewardsbip of the Chiltern Hundreds or the Manor of Northstead, nominal offices of profit under the Crown whose

a man from sitting in the Commons. The painful way of doing it is for an MP so to conduct himself as to be judged unfit by the House to be a member of it and to be expelled.

Over the years the Commons has found various grounds sufficient for expulsion. Nor is the list necessarily closed. Conviction of a criminal offence other than treason does not automatically disqualify or lead to expulsion.

Miss Bernadette Devlin, when member for Mid-Ulster, was convicted of riotous behaviour and incitement and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. She was not expelled. Peter Baker, a one time MP for South Norfolk, was convicted of forgery and sentenced to seven years imprison-ment in 1954. He was expelled. A member who is expelled is not disabled from standing for election agaio, though he may be again excluded—Wilkes and

The Commons has not always been wise but it has generally heen spering in its exercise of this jurisdiction. So it should be, for expulsion ruptures the constitutionally fundamental relationship between a member of Parliament and the electors of his profit under the Crown whose constituency. Above all the tenure automatically disqualifies House is required to approach

the question in a judiciol spirit. That requirement implies in the case of Mr Stonehouse that ntembers of Parliament refrain from passing judgment at this stage on his snitability for con-tinued membership of the Commons. He has staged an evidently premeditated, and unsuccessful disappearance and change of public identity. For that purpose it is alleged that be obtained a false passport (a criminal offence) and procured another hirth certificate which he was not entitled to present as his own. Most of the rest of the story is rumour and speculation.

How all this should be judged to affect his fitness to sit in the Commons depends on three developments: clarification of his motives and state of mind wben ducking out; clarification of his future intentions; and clarification of his cleim that he was being blackmailed. Unless Mr Stonehouse is prepared to anticipate any judgment the House may come to by applying for the Chiltern Hundreds, MPs should proceed with deliberation and the electors of North Walsall brace themselves for a possible wait. They would not be the first constituents to suffer the inconveniences of inactive representation.

THE DESTRUCTION OF DARWIN

The dcvastation of Darwin does not rank among the world's largest disasters. The death roll is smaller and the physical damage less extensive than after maoy other natural disasters, such as the Skopje earthquake of 1963 or the Bangladesh floods of 1970. But numerical comparisons do not mean very much. The almost complete destruction of a town containing roughly as many people as Folkestone evokes a response that is not proportionate to figures on a numbered scale. Many people have died and a great many more have lost not only material possessions but the entire fami-liar pattern of their lives. No one can measure this loss, and no amount of physical restoration can wholly replace what has gone. It may not even be possible to rebuild the city on the same site; in which case nature will bave achieved more than the massive bombing raids

of 1942. Storms of this type strike in less predictable places than earthquakes, which mostly follow

known faults in the earth's crust. It is therefore difficult to take special precautions against them, such as building to certain specifications. The best bope is a good forecasting system and reasonably solid buildings. But nothing that is realistic in terms of cost and other factors can provide complete protection from freak weather. Enormous damage was done on Britain's east coast in 1953, when 307 people lost their lives. Nine years later 343 people were killed by storms and floods in Hamburg. Scarcely any part of

the globe is immune. The north coast of Australia is in fact fairly well accustomed to cyclones, and Darwin had ample warning of this one, which probably belped to reduce the death stronger than expected Darwin has grown rapidly in recent years, and has a lot of timber houses, but even brick structures bad roofs torn off, so conditions were clearly normally provided for. There are play a part in restoring whatever limits to the precautions that can

be made for ahnormal weather. Even so, the disaster will not have helped Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister. He bas already been under criticism for making a long trip abroad at a time when his country is suffering from inflation and unemployment. The fact that the cyclone struck while he was absent will create unhappy if irrational associations in people's minds.

Darwin will probably not need massive international relief operations of the type mounted in poorer parts of the world. The Australian authorities already seem to be coping reasonably well, and financially they are in a better position than most to look after themselves. Nevertheless, with all the personal connexions which exist between people in Britain will want to do more than express sympathy. They will want to give tangible help to the people of Darwin and can be restored.

LAY-OFFS IN THE MOTOR INDUSTRY

It looks increasingly as if the New Year will usher in programmes of severe redundancies in the motor-car industry. Indeed, the process would probably already be further advanced but for the fact that the managements concerned preferred not to blight the boliday period for their employees. The most important single move has heen from Chrysler, the American subsidiary, which bas already announced that it is putting 5,000 of its Scottish workers on to a three-day week for the last three weeks of January as part of its plans to reduce production. Unless there is, for some quite unexpected reason, a marked improvement in car sales, shorttime working will inevitably lead to actual redundancies. And other car manufacturers and component makers will he forced to take the same action.

The motor-car industry, here as in every industrial country, is a central part of the manufacturing economy. Its strength and weakness are a close measure of the condition of the economy as

a whole. To the extent that the management of Chrysler UK is closely supervised by its parent company in the United States, the subsidiary in this country may be somewhat quicker than a purely domestic company in responding to the changed situation in the industry. It would, however, he wrong to auggest that American masters are forcing a British company to initiate unnecessarily stringent economy measures. The fact is that no car manufacturer can continue to employ labour and produce cars if it is not achieving the necessary sales. As the domestic and international recession deepens, the levels of employment can only fall.

If, as seems likely, the rate of lay-offs increases in the New Year, two aspects of Government policy will be put to a severe test. Mr Healey, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, has more or less explicitly accepted that, in the interests of containing inflation, be is prepared to accept a transi-tional unemployment level of up to one millioo. He must he as

aware as anyone of the political and other pressures that would huild up if it became clear that the million mark was soon to be reached and then surpassed. Yet, in the interests of economic stabilization, the Chancellor dare not embark on any general reflation of the economy until it is clear that the general level of wage settlements is down to an acceptable level.

Increased redundancies in the motor industry and elsewbere will equally bring the policies of Mr Benn under strain. For Mr Benn seems determined, wherever possible, to use the powers of the existing Industry Act (and the new Industry Bill at present being drafted) to preserve employ-ment. It may be that, by the use of financial guarantees from the Government or the direct injection of taxpayers' money, uneconomic jobs can he preserved for a while longer in

companies like British Leyland. But even Mr Benn will have to face the fact that, in a period of deep industrial depression, unemployment will inevitably rise.

required is interrelated experience and education, reflected on and assimilated. The Vice-Chancellor of Brunel University touched on this central issue io his excellent letter (December 2), not least I suspect because of his experience in industry and his strong commitment to sandwich courses. It is greatly to be hoped that the

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Yours sincerely. ETER VENABLES. 15 Forest Road, Moseley. Birmingham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is there, or is there not, a crisis?

From Mr A. R. B. Hore Sir, I wish someooe would tell me whether or not we are all io a frightful mess. I am not sure that

frightful mess. I am not sure that I mind any longer which way it is as loog as I know hecause then I shall know what to do.

According to the news medis, my stockbroker, many politicians (mainly from Opposition parnes), a oumber of civil servaots and a sprinkling of businessmen the situation is almost unhearably grisly. But according to my day to day experience nothing could be further from the truth. from the truth.

I know that netrol costs a lor more than it did but I do not see any dimioutioo in traffic; I appre any diminutions in traine; I appreciate that prices io the sliops and restaurants have shot up but I still find both institutions full to hursiing; I understand that industry is in difficulty but I note that a substantial number of companies are still turoing io substandal profits. And of course I am told that we are lazy and yet most people I know are working hard enough to bust. So what is wrong?

Naturally I am also told that I

am living on horrowed time in a fool's psrsdise. But I was told this last Christmas and the Christmas

hefore that. Just you wait, my frieod, until next year! For years we have been telliog ourselves that we are living in times of crisis, but a crisis, according to my dictionary, means a turoing point and it is a physical impossibility always to be at a turning point—although, come to think of it, perhaps this explains why I feel a

bit giddy.

Maybe we have reached a turoing point now in which case will some one please tell me. my family and

Editors and a closed shop

From the Editor of The Guardian

Sir, Before the demou king dis-

appears in a puff of smoke over Ebbw Vale, could we nidy up one or

two points?
The national newspaper editors

did not tell the Secretary of State

for Employment last week that there could he no talks with the NUJ and

others. They told him that the success of any such talks was likely to be jeopardized if he refused to give parliamentary backing to freedom of communication. Nor did they

say, as his letter (December 24) implies, that they wanted something difficult to be imposed by law. On

the contrary, they wanted exemption for newspapers and broadcasting

from the provision in his Bill by

which men and women may he dis-

missed without compensation if they

refuse to join a specified trade union in a closed shop situation.

They said to him that sioce the Labour Government in 1965 insisted on a special section about newspapers in its Monopolies and

Mergers Act, today's Labour Goveroment ought to make similar pro-vision in its Trade Union Bill. If mocopoly oweership had to be prevented, so must control by a single editorial trade union be avoided. That would still be true even if the NUJ and its policy makers were the fairy godmothers in whom Mr Foot wants us to believe.

With Mr Foot, I welcome the ioitiative of the general-secretary of the NUJ io seeking further and broader discussioo. That discussion will be greatly helped if Mr Foot offers parliamentary hacking for freedom of communication. It is bard to see wby be will not protect newspapers and broadcasting. The TUC is unlikely to object. If the wording of a clause for his Bill still worries him, I am sure that by letting his parliamentary draftsmen speod a couple of bours with one or two of us he can soon bave a satis-

The Guardian, 192 Grays Inn Road, WCl.

THEST TO CLOSE HOSPITAIS From Dr L. R. Twentyman and

Sir, May we refer to the receot concernin Garrett Anderson Hospital and draw your attention to the fact that in addition to this hospital there are others fulfilling a national function which are under threat.

The Royal Londoo Homocopathic Hospital in Great Ormond Street is in a similar situation. Because it vs patients who want homoeopathic treatment from all over the country, the old management com-mittee submitted a Nanonal Plan for Homoeopathy within the National Health Service in which it was envisaged that the Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital would be the national centre for postgraduate teaching in cooperation with the Faculty of Homoeopathy and would be designated a "Special Health Authority" in its own right under subsection (6) of section 5 of

the proposed Reorganization Act. The Department of Health and Social Security saw fit to turn this request down which was made as long ago as April, 1973. An alternative plan was a suggested by the down tive plan was auggested by the de-partment that there might be a statutory Homoeopathic Advisory Committee set up at Regional Health Authority level under section 8(2) of the new Act but after months of delaying tactics the new Act came into being on April 1, 1974, and the bospital's management committee was dissolved leaving no negotiating body in heing to continue

Since April 1, 1974, on further progress has heen made and repeated attempts by the Homoeopathic Research and Educational Trust and the Faculty of Homoeomy frieods which way to turn. No oeed to frighten me with dark threats, just tell me. But please do not go on telling me that everythiog is terrible wheo it is not or that we are going to have even more frightful turning points next year, hecause if you do I and my friends will ignore you all, carrying on in our own possibly idiotic and almost certainly selfish ways notil we have finally succeeded in tslking ourselves into a crisis.

Yours faithfully, A. R. B. HORE, 253 Petersham Road, Petersham, Surrey.

From Mr Mclvyn Brogg

Sir, I wrote to you some mooths ago about what I thought was the excess of facile pessimism and self-indulgent gloom in the air, oo the screeo and particularly on the page. Since then the forecasts, not least from your leaflets and their twin captains Levin and Jay have pluoged to a new low. Allowing for the inflation of language I would say that, in real terms, comment bas less purchasing power now than at any time since the Shorter Oxford was revised.

Therefore, at the risk of being called a onere Pangloss, I would make three modest predictions for 1975. (1) Parliamentary democracy will not break down; (2) hyper-inflation—on a South America partern-will not occur; and (3) the barbarians will not take over our

lf Ladhrokes would care to open Doomsday Book, Pd even place e Yours faithfully,

MELVYN BRAGG. 9 Gayton Road, NW3.

factory answer.

Yours etc, ALASTAIR HETHERINGTON,

officials of the Recognitude Health Authorities have completely failed. Like the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, communication with the authorities bas been lost and the endowment funds of both hospitals (subscribed for specific purposes) are now in the hands of Area Health Authority.

One wonders whether this lack of communication is a deliberate policy of attrition by the department who by doing nothing are effectively running down the medical staff, lowering morale among nurses and ancillary staff and slowly killing small hospitals with a national function.

The expense of keeping such bos-pitals open in South Camden is always quoted as a reason for pos-sible closure but in comparison with some of the very large bospitals the amount is minimal and the depart-ment should allot nanonal funds to these hospitals instead of adopting a parochial attitude that Camden cannot afford to keep hospitals open which do not exclusively serve hose patients who live in the immediate area.

Yours faithfully, L. R. TWENTYMAN, Consultant Physician, BARBARA EVANS, Coosultant Pathologist. NORMAN L. MILLS. Consultant Radiologist, WENDY LEWINGTON, Consultant Gynaecologist, A. J. MERRY. Coosultant Anaesthetist.

M. C. BARRACLOUGH, Secretary, The Homoeopathic Research and Educational Trust, Habnemano House, 2 Powis Place, Great Ormood Street, WC1.

The increases in top salaries

From Mr Hugh Saunders Sir, Many of us are cooceroed at the ineptitude of the Government

the ineptitude of the Government in publishing the recent report on Top Salaries, without giving any indication of what the suggested increases really mean.

Most of the people concerned sre in very high tax brackets so that a salary increase of several thousand pounds would almost entirely be refunded to the Government, leaving the recipient better off by only a the recipient better off hy only a

few pounds per week.

This would seem to be a rather ridiculous case of recycling and quite unoecessary, but to many people who are not familiar with the tax position of bigh income earoers the impression of the control of the cont the impression must be given of huge and lavish land-outs to rich people at a time of national crisis.

If as I imagine one of the main purposes of the proposals is to belp the pension position of these senior

and deserving public servants, surely a simpler and more effective way of doing it can be found—and one which can be understood by the ordinary citizen. yours sincerely,

HUGH SAUNDERS, Flat 2, 2 Chichester Terrace, Kemp Towo. Brighton, Sussex.

From Mr C. E. Knight Sir. Now that the question of Members of Parliament's salaries is being raised, I would bave thought that it would he a disaster if they are increased during this crisis in which we are living. I think they should voluntarily accept e 10 per cent reduction and set themselves up as an example for the rest of

the country to follow.
It seems obvious that our present standard of living has got to fall and if everyone were called upon to accept a 10 per cent reduction in salaries or wages, prices would fall rapidly and we should he well oo the way to curing our inflation. But this oeeds an example from top-and why shouldn't MPs make the gesture. Yours faithfully,

C. E. KNIGHT, Landfell. Crawley Down. Sussex.

From the Principol of Sheffield Polytechnic Sir, If the Houghton committee has indeed proposed a basis of parity between polytechnic and university teachers, and that parity is implemented, then a great injustice of the educational world will have been removed. Even so, I can find no pleasure in the justice which will increase my own salary by 40 per

If this iocrease, and other substantial increases for those teachers who, like myself, are already comfortably affluent (albeit, less affluent than a year ago), are within the social con-tract, theo the demand for credulity evoke a cymcar feshouse. who onbli-

Either we are, as a nation, in grave and desperate situation, we are not. If we are, and I a

sure we are, theo this is no time fig-largesse with public mooey, and the goes for "Top Peoples' " salaries to Let us, by all means, establish it principles of justice and equity salary scales and structures, but us he sure that we are also estalishing the cooditions under which the principles can be realized at preserved

Deferment of substantial creases in slready ample salaric would cause no hardship, provide that schemes are worked out freedominant pensions benefits. IT savings in the national bill would not, of themselves, cure inflation but the causes of inflation arafter all only partially economic and largely moral. A few example of determined concern end leade whin might below a like the cause of the national concern with the cause of the ship might belp us all beyon measure. Yours faithfully,

G. TOLLEY, Sheffield Polytechnic, Pood Street, Sheffield.

From Mr A. J. Peniu

Sir, As 1 sm unaffected (save as taxpayer) by the increases in the salaries of under-secretaries and others; and as the case for ever these limited increases seem likely to go by default; may I pu the case in reply to your correspondent, Mr len Gow, MP? (Detamber 24) ember 24).

1. When there is inflation of thing order of 20 per cent, to fail to give salary increases awarded or recom mended for any one group o people is, in effect, to reduce thei standard of living hy 20 per ceo a year. If Mr Gow helieves in sucl a socialist policy of "levelling down" about the standard of the standard a socialist policy of "levelling down", should out this be effectet openly and by positive actions aucl as taxation and/or a levy, if it is to be effected?

2. Why must it be always public and civil servants who are singled out for the process advocated by Mr Gow? Have they not on many similar past occasions heen forced by the Government of the day to se an example; which, of course, no one else then follows? 3. Since the limited increases

which have been awarded are based on what others "outside" in odustry and elsewhere have alreody been eojoyiog for some time would oot the denial of these iocreases he, in effect, to penalize twice over those for whom they been recommended? 4. Is not the root cause of all this furore the lengthy periods which have elapsed between the reviews

of the salaries in question, and which make the awards seem then that much greater? Happily the present Government have, I think sensibly, proposed to remedy this by acoual reviews. am, Sir, Youts faithfully,

brobley, Kent.

The price of sugar

From Mr John Southgate Sir, In all the press coverage of the current sugar negotiations hetween the developing countries, the EEC and the British Government 1 bave seen no adequate account of the effect of the proposals on the developing countries. I refred in the autumn of 1972 as Executive Director of the Commonwealth Sugar Exporters' Association and have had no part at all in the present oego-tiations, but the following are the facts, as I understand them.

The developing countries have been offered by the EEC access for 1.4m tons indefinitely subject to periodic review at a minimum guaranteed price "within the structure of Community prices.

The first reason that the oego-tiations have so far failed is that the Commission have offered an to community terms of reference.
On top of the minimum price the
Community bad said that Britain may pay a supplement "at least for because of the very high world price, but they have added that Britain cannot guarantee a price totalling more than £200. developing countries are insisting:

(a) that the minimum guaranteed price must not he less and should he more than the £140 per ton Britain is paying under the Com-monwealth Sugar Agreemeot; (b) that the supplement should be related to the world price and must be for more than one year:

at least as long as the world price is significantly bigher than the minimum price;
(c) that £200 is inadequate in

present circumstances, but it must be added that in the light of the long-term arrangement they are not seeking anything like the total world price.

There are two reasons for this First, the sale at £200 per ton io 1975 compared with the present world price would wipe out in oue year all the benefits they have received from the Commonwealth

Sugar Agreement over 21 years. Second, if the world price comes down (to below £200 per ton in 1975) and to below the minimum guaranteed nrice thereafter, the measure of the over-payment made by Britain and the Community would be comparatively small and calculable. But if the world price stays high or coes higher. The developine countries could be seen to have throwo away hundreds of millioos of nouods a year. This is politically and economically un acceptable to countries suffering from rampage imported inflation and chronic shortage of fureign exchange. Therefore there must be some benefit to them from the than the minimum guaranteed price. If this is not arranged, the sugar cappul he forthcoming. Yours faithfully,

JOHN SOUTHGATE. Maida Vale. W2.

Ownership of Rockall From Mr Peter Clarke

Sir, The news that the Danish Government disputes the ownership of Rockall merits some attention. or Rockail merits some attention.
The williogoess of the Government
to placate the other nations of the
EEC makes one fear that we could
forfeit the islet in return for a Danish concession on sugar beet or some other commodity made artificially scarce by EEC rules.

Rockall exteods loveroessshire, and the United Kingdom, 191 miles further west than the Hebrides. The chances are very real that the development of underwater mining techniques could make the islet a course of underwater meeths. source of unknown wealth.

As the Danisb claim is geologically

sensible (it is part of the Faroe Group) I can only liope that the Government is jealous of its owner-ship, and doeso't lose Rockall as we lost Heligoland. Yours &c. PETER CLARKE.

84 St George's Square, SW1.

Public lending right From Mr David Benedictus

Sir, Writers don't want a levy on horrowings from the public libraries. A free library service is as essential as free swimming baths, free street lights, and all the rest. And to suggest, as Messrs Hurd and Lawson do (December 20), that the tax-payer should not subsidize this service, but that those who use the libraries should, is as logical as proposing that children should pay for schooling, criminals for jails, and the unemployed for unemployment benefits.

The ideal way to pay for the PLL loans sampling system—the only one that's fair and practical—ithrough an extended copyrigh scheme, as proposed by Henry Ceci in your columns last summer. Bu-such a scheme may not be rushed or to the statute book; many compli-cated details remain to be worked out. So in the meantime a grant fron the Exchequer will do very nicely and we are grateful to Hugh Jenkin. for his promise to find the where All we want is to be able to con

tique to write hooks. Yours faithfully. DAVID BENEDICTUS.

The Pelican, 20 Alexandra Road, East Twickenham, Middlesex.

The British Library From Projessor T. A. Birrell

Sir, All overseas pilgrims to the British Library will read with amaze meet and dismay of the latest plan for its ultimate destination. So the Old Royal Library of the Kings of Eugland, the King's Library. Domes-day Book, Magna Carta, Beowulf and Shakespeare's First Polios are to be housed on a disused railway goods yard at Euston.

No other civilized notion in the world would choose such an ignominious location for its national treasures. If that is not selling Britain short, I do not know the meaning of the phrase. Yours faithfully, T. A. BIRRELL,

Institutut Engels-Amerikaans, Erasmuslaan 40, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Break before university From Sir Peter Venables

Sir, In his letter (December 5) Sir John Masterman thinks it tot to he regretted that many of the students promised places at Monash University did not take them up after the break. Before the practice of the break has a chance to become wide spread at British universities with similar results, it would be as well to coosider some aspects which bave been overlooked or even deliberately ignored.

Others besides Sir John have gathered opinions from students who return, but what valid sample of opinion has ever heen taken of those who do oot return? What inflnences have determined their permaneot absence, and especially what adverse social factors have supervened—it could so easily he yet another case of "from him that bath oot..." And as for hum, what about her—wby do correspondents deal so exclusively with men, when a major aim sbould he to increase opportunities for women in higher education? If the break operated for them would the already deprived be still further disadvantaged, especially if they marry. The present position concerning grants to married women is surely a clear enough warning: or is the assumption implicit that women do not need such (assumed) wider experience before higher educatioo? The question of grant affects meu, 100, oot least because marriage happens to them also. In such cases especially the break before uni-

versity may extend to several years, but is the student theo to return on the same level of grant as he would have had in the first place? Nothing could more certainly ensure that sall fewer would return to study. Expenditure would then of course he quietly contained within limits assumed to he justifiable.

Again, what is the actual proportion who allegedly drift unwittingly tion who allegedly drift unwittingly from school to university, and why has this supposedly serious pheoomenon remained uninvestigated by a valid survey? Meanwhile hunch and hearsay prevail sustained by financial pressures, and some highly inconvenient educational problems, to contain if not actively to reduce to contain if oot actively to reduce enrolments. All too easily may academic convenience be rationalized as an educational advance. Why indeed should we think that industry and commerce and other forms occupation and experience will be able to solve the personal, social and able to solve the personal able to solve the personal of young educational problems of young would be students, when those skilled in teaching in our higher educational institutions—or is it only the universities—are allegedly quite unable to do so? Of course there are dedicated academics. devoted to research and graduate students, who would wish the prob-lems of imdergraduates solved elsewhere, even by the psychodynamic forces of the market place, whatever the results may prove to be for the

Oue further assumption needs examination, which is that "experience" is self-sufficient. It may have

been once, but now it no longer suffices to prepare students for their own personal lives and work—the casualties and the sbort-falls are too severe in terms of human happiness and effectiveness and thus derivatively in society at large. What is

discossion could be wideoed on the basis of how this fruitful interrelationship can be more generally
established, not as an afterthought
for a single year, but as a prime
necessity over the years of adult life.
A break before university or polytechnic or college is peripheral to
what should be a commitment to
life-long learning. The practical
problems will he very substantial
and rackling them will require great and tackling them will require great and enlightened cooperation alike from educators and administrators industry, commerce and the professions—and a vastly more encouragiog lead and support from government than has yet been forth-coming in support of the Russell Report, which was presented to the then government on December 5,

Cathedral collapses

the discussions.

From Professor J. Heyman Sir, Mr P. Silshy in his letter today (December 16) draws attention to the large number of collapses which occurred in the twelfth and thir-teenth centuries. A common feature almost all the examples cited by Mr Silsby is that collapse occurred within a generation of the completion of the work.

There are in fact two critical periods within the early life of a large masonry structure. The first large masonry structure. The first is at the time the original timber centering on which the stooes have been set is removed; if the huilding is of the wrong shape, it will be unable to stand without its original support. However, a very wide raoge of shapes is possible, and it needs an exceptionally ignorant designer (as William Pontant with the half age at Pontant ignorant designer (as William Edwards with his bridges at Pont.y. Pridd) to achieve an instant collapse of this sort.

The second critical period is associated with the settlement of the foundations. With or without seemingly flimsy "bundles of faggots", there is no escape from the enormous stresses that a tower weighing tens of thousands of toos must ultimately apply to the soil. A period of ten or tweoty years is needed for the soil to consolidate (to use the technical term of soil mechanics), and to achieve the necessary resisting strength. If the consequent settlement of the tower is uniform, then equilibrium will result within a geoeration; if, however, one pier supporting the tower settles faster than the others,

become so deformed that collapse inevitably follows.

At Ely Cathedral, for example, for which I bave the honour to be

Coosulting Engineer for the current restoration work, the western tower has settled relative to the oave and south-west transept by about 12 inches; gross distortions can be name is gross distortions can be seen in the abuttiog arcades of the nave. However, there is oo evideoce of any movement having occurred during the past 600 years, and the foundations are now sound without any remedial work being necessary. If the masoory structure survives

these first two critical periods, theo it will, with luck, survive for a very long time. There can be other misadventures, but even without these, there will come a day when decay, both internal and external, will have to be attended to. A prime cause of internal decay is the slow deterioration of the rubble and mortar "bearting" of much of the construction, and techniques are-now well established for internal and invisible stiffening. External decay of the fabric has of course been much accelerated in recent years by an increasingly hostile

Your leader of December 11 referred to the collapse of the gave at Beauvais. The nave was in fact never built; it was the choir which collapsed in 1284 after having stood quietly for 12 years. A later tower and spire, of height just over 500ft, was completed in 1569, and fell four years later, on Ascension Day. Yours faithfully,

. HEYMAN, Applecourt, Newton Road, Cambridge. the whole of the structure may

tess Alexandra will attend a er given by the members of ress Club at the loternational s Centure, London, on February

Philip Owen, QC, has been ed leader of the Wales and ter Carcuit in succession to Emilya Hooson, QC, MP, who

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is tecm.

Hon T. B. Alexander Miss D. M. Jenks

engagement is announced be in 'homas Bruce, younger son ond and Lady Alexander of arhill, of Moor Park, Hert share, and Diana Mary, young-claughter of Dr and Mrs colm Jenks, of Warford. fordshire.

S. J. Squires
Miss C. M. Browne Miss C. M. Frome emgagement is announced been Stephen James, son of the S. J. and Mrs Squires, of Int Rivers, Bootle, Cumbria, Charlotte Mary, only daughter Mr and Mrs W. Meredith whe, of The Forstal, Applea, Kent.

Rev I. R. Torrance Miss M. A. MacHugh

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arriage

J. P. Nicolis I Mrs M. G. Monico e marriage took place quietly in ndon on December 27 between John Phillips Nicolls and Mrs 17012 Gioia Monico.

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Henry Bland, 65: Sir Andrew itland-Makgill-Cricliton, 64; Sir ard Dill. 69; Mr T. W. Gould, 60; Lientenant-General Sir Urge Lea, 62; Sir Walter ckey, 75; Lord Salmon, 71.

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forc Lord Denning, Master of 2 Rolls, Lord Diplock and Lord

The Court of Appeal, lo re-red judgments, approved the lies of the London borough of ences for street trading in theoat Lane, but held that oou-

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sal of a licence. Lord Diplock d Lord Justice Lawton held that the was no rigid rule of "one licence, one pitch at a

peals by the borough council ainst orders of the Divisional burt on May 2 that unless the

rough were prepared to grant plications by Mr Harold Kayne-rensoo and his wife, of Abbotts

rdens, Carnet, for street trading ences they should send notices their decision to the applicants,

tluding Intimations of their this of appeal. Mr James Comyn, QC, and Mr In Inter-Gould for the council: Colin Ross-Munro, QC, and Mr Intict: Fitzmaurice for the appli-

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

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rold and his wife, Shirley, the phicants She had an annual enter for the pitch, granted by a council. By statute she was titled to nominate a relative to

ceed her on her death. In 1969 d 1970 sbe nominated Harold. I in 1971 the council said that

relative to be nominated thould not be a person holding annual licence in the Tower milets area " and Harold held a ence for pitch No 107. Se uld not nominate Shirley, for a aghter-in-law did not count as a relative."

relative". In 1972, however, the applicants

d a baby daughter, Samantha, to as a "graud-daughter" did out as a "relative". So in tober, 1972, when Mrs Levenson plied for a renewal of pitch

In February, 1973, Mrs Levenson and Samantha's mother pited to Samantha's name for

ich No 1. Bot someone at the wn hall said that she was too ung to be a licence-bolder. In

mantha's application and sent a rmal letter of refusal with a riffication of a right of appeal to

magistrates' court, which was cessary by section 37 of the Lon-

in County Council (General wers) Act, 1958. A notice of speal was given on her behalf, it it was adjourned after each of applicants had applied for a

ence for pitch No 1.
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d one and that his wife's applica-on had been placed on the wait-

in the been placed on the water is list, which was very long. The applicants then applied for andamos requiring the council determine their applications

cording to law. The Divisional aurt held that the council had to

e applications but had failed in elr statutory duty to issue a rmal notification of refusal to

e applicants.
The council had a rule that a

onev derived that role from the ondon County Council (General towers) Act, 1947, and Green-towers) Act, 1957) 55 LGR 129).

he draftsman of the 1947 Act did it apply the general rule of inter-

aftsman iotended the singular

used the singular: when he tended the plural, he used the ural. Time and again he used the words "street or streets?", day or days ". "time or times."

Il was clear to his Lordship that treet trader's licence was purely

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the council refused

1 she nominated Samantha.

Petticoar Lane street Sbe ran it with her son

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OCIAL NEWS Understanding the mystery of the Christian Church

By Micbael Richards Editor, The Clergy Review Liturgical change can only really be justified by considerations of failth and doctrine; on matters of taste, our can reasonably expect to argue for ever. Are the present quishes uffice on completion alterations a better expression of alterations a better expression of the reality in which worshippers are to be involved? Do they get rid of false mystification so as to cunfront people with the real mystery? Have they succeeded in straining off any comforting but ubscure phrases which may act as

sedatives or shields from the true power and glory of God? Are they

faithful to that new arrangement of human affairs that Christ re-

ferred to when be said that we

would now be able to worship in spirit and in truth? There are mysteries from which the prophets of the Covenant. Old and New, have always told us to turn away : sacred groves, high places, luiden rites, secret initia-tions that lead un treacherous and deceiving paths. There are mysteries which darken and con-mysteries which darken and con-ceal; and there are mystics whose

search for a refuge from the world and from themselves requires the hatred of both : the perennial gnostic and the everlasting manichec. There are liturgies that we have made mysterious by turning them protectively loto linguistic monuments. Before we put our worship into words and music, ritual and vestment, we must be sure that we know and begin to understand the true nature of the mystery we celebrate. It is casy for us to repeat high-sounding for us to repeat high-sounding words which may indeed provoke a catch in the throat in the col-lege chapel, but which leave the heart nuchanged.

Christianity took the term mystery" and developed its mystery ' meaning, making it stand now not for secrecy, obscurity or conceal-ment, but for declaration and making plain. The plan of God for the world was at one time hidden from man and inaccessible; but now be has committed himself to a course of action within human

is possible for buman beings to see it, what he is like; we have been told to give this knowledge to the world. The Church did not take over the old mystery religions; it rejected them as vehemently as the Old Israel had rejected the

agrarian fertility rites of Canaan. The Church did not line itself op with the old mythologies; its with the old mythologies; its in the contemporary philosophical critique of the ancient gods. The mind of the Church was focused on personal, human, historic reality; and in that reality the mystery of God had been made known, by meeting the thoughts and confirming the guesses of buman myths and mysteries.

The message of the Church was given all at once in simple, public proclamations of the faith within which meo could discover themselves. The cross taken up by the taken up by others; and what they learnt in taking it was the shape of their own lives.

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First Sunday

after Christmas

presence in the Eucharist, in his Word, in the Church, is not an enigma, a puzzle, designed to keep our brains busily occupied and unaware of the tedium or the borror of everyday life. It is not a problematic presence, but a a problematic presence, but a real one; the Body and the Blood of Christ which are the chosen sign of that loving obedience which, he said, was food and drink to him, and the sign of our obedience too, if we do, as he did, the will of the Father who sent

The Statement on the Eucharist drawn up by the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (but not, alas " Series III "), has succeeded in expounding this reality in terms which avoid the reality in terms which awout the literalism into which some Carho-less and some Protestants have fallen. We do not dramatically re-enact the Passion of Christ; we du not didactically use bread and wine to put ourselves in mind of the to pur our state of the present events and future glory. Christ himself uses the bread and wine we see as his contemporary means of accessibility to us: the

Body by which he is present (that, after all, is what bodies are for), to pourish us, and the Blood by which His life keeps us alive. It is not anything we have made; it is this new act of presence which the sign of what he is, effectively, the sign of what he has done in the past, is doing now, and will do in the inture. For us, the mystery still to be

made known and understood lies not in this real, meaningful presence, but beyond it in our acceptance, when in taith, we allow it to guide the personal partern and direction of our lives.

This is how Christianity has always marked itself off from Gnosticism or from the mystery religious, from Valentinus or Hare krishna, mescalin or scientology. The real presence of Christ sends us back into the real presence of us back into the real presence of our own lives. Rescued from the depths, the body of our mortal flesh takes on clarity and signifi-cance. Christianity, in john Toland's words, is not mysterious: but that becomes true only if we consciously and willingly permit its public facts to take the place of our own private fictions.

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.Court of Appeal

Science report Schizophrenia: Heart drug

A new treatment for schizophrenia A new treatment for schizophrenia has proved strikingly effective in preliminary trials at Friern riospital, North London. A report in the British Medical Journal says that 14 patients diagnosed as schizophrenic at the hospital have been treated with propranolol, a treatment of the control drug usually prescribed for the treatment of heart disease. Six lost all their symptoms of schizo-phrenia and another five showed

definite improvement.

Propranolol was found by chance to be effective in relieving chance to he effective in relieving mental symptoms in patients given the drug for physical disease. Propranolol is not a tranquilizer (it slows and steadies the heartbear) but it can relieve some of the symptoms of anxiety such as palpi-tations and a racing pulse. Its action on the human oervous system is still uncertain, but experiments on animals anggest that the drug accumulates in the grey matter uf the brain.

Today's engagements

Poets of the First World War ", Imperial War Museum, Lam-beth Road, Southwark, 10-5.30. London walk: A Dickensian Christmas walk in the City, meet St Paul's station, 2.

The Department of Health's medicines division thought the evidence available justified a trial of the drug in schizophrenia, and that began to August. The patients who showed dramatic improvements lost their symptoms such as apathy, irrational thought and the bearing of voices within a week of starting propranolol and they have remained well since. A teading article in the journal adds a caption that many other treatments of schizophrenia have seemed highly promising, only to disappoint wheo further trials have

been made.

Propranolol is a dangerous drug, the article says. It can precipitate heart failure and make asthma By Our Medical Correspondent Source: British Medical Journal, December 14, page 637.

Tomorrow

Exhibition: George III, collector and patron, The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, British Theatre Museum, Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, West Kensington, 11-5.

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Exhibition: "Utility", furniture and household goods of the land. and household goods of the 1940s, Geffrye Museom, Kings-land Road, Bethnal Green, 2-3

ALL HALLOWS BY THE FOWER: Song Eucharist, 11. Res. P. Buncan. ALL SAINIS', Margarel Street: LNI. 8 and 5.50, HM, 11. Missa breus

egina v Tower Hamlets London conduct bis business at one pitch at a time. His Lordship's conclusion was: "One trader, one licence, one pitch at a time." But the fact that Harold beld another licence for pitch No 107 dld not make him "unsuitable" within section 21 (3) (a) of the 1947 Act to hold a licence fur his joints, "An that it meant was that he might have to give up his pitch No 107. Since Perilly's case ([1973] 1 QB 9) the council bad a waiting list for applicants and, in practice, when they put a name on a waiting list they did not treat it as a refusal and accordingly they did not give the applicant any formal notification or told him that he could appeal.

appeal. The waiting list was a convenient piece of administration, but the cooocil should alter their form of on the wairing list was tantamount to a refusal on the ground that there was no space available: section 21 (3) (b). They should notify him that it was a refusal and tell him of his right to appeal. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

appeal.

LORD DIPLOCK said that section 17(1) of the LCC (General Powers) Act, 1927, made it an offence to street trade without a licence. The subsection contemplated two kinds of trading: from a stationary pitch and peripatetic trading. There was nothing to suggest that any person was restricted to a single licence. The horough council were not, in this Lordship's view, entitled by section 21(2)(a) of the 1947 Act to give effect to an indiscriminating policy application.

of the 1947 Act to give effect to an indiscriminating policy applicable to all street traders of limiting them to a single pitch.

Parts of the reasoning in Greenbaums case had in his Lordship's view, been invalidated by subsequent amendments to the 1947 Act.

His Lordship did not see any objection to the council having re-

objection to the council having re-course to a waiting list such as was used by the council for appliwas used by the council for appli-cants who did not already hold a current licence for another pitch. An applicant who on applying for a particular vacant pitch in a popular street was told that his name had heen pot on the waiting list, would rightly understand that as a refusal of the annual licence. As the law now stood there was nothing to prevent a street trader from applying for separate annual licences for individual pitches, nor to prohibit the council from grant-

The omission to notify the applicants of their right of appeal to a magistrate was no mere techni-cality. It was deliberate and based upon alleged grounds of substance which had been beld to he erro-neous in law. His Lordship saw no grounds for interfering with the exercise of the Divisional Court's discretion to grant man-

Court's discretion to grant man-damus to each of the applicants. LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that there bad been a street market in Petticoat Lane, beyond Aldgate Pump, for at least 200 years. It was ootside the City markets. Without control over street markets there would be chaos. The

market, with its attraction for Londoners and its worldwide repu-tation for tourists, brought large crowds to it, particularly oo Sun-days. The local anthority had worked out a policy for controlling

His Lordship approved the counreet trader was only entitled to cil's waiting list policy. If the selicence for one pitch at a time appropriate committee of the new derived that role from the council considered that trading conditions in Petticoat Lane were such that it would be difficult for most men to control properly more than one pitch at a time. they were entitled to have as a cuideline the policy of "one man—one licence", but they must be prepared to consider the suitability of an applicant who claimed that he could control properly two or more pitches at the same time. Infarcy was not a legal bar to holding an annual licence, it was a discretionary one to be applied on the evidence. The appeals should be dismissed. rounal to him. The Act only Solicitors: Edward Fail, Brad-owed the holder of a licence to shaw & Waterson; Tringhams.

One trader, one pitch' not Cost of caring for illegitimate children

[Judgments delivered December 20] The fioancial support of a mother was not recoverable under the Fatal Accidents Acts, 1846 to the Fatal Accidents Acts, 1846 to 1959, by her illegilimate children from defendants responsible for their father's death since the restance. The country of the continuance of the father for the expended by the father for the ended that there was no justification for treating the sums expended by the father for the ended that there was no justification for treating the sums expended by the father for the ended that there was no justification for treating the sums expended by the father for the expended by the father for t mother who looked after them.

Leave was granted to appeal to the flouse of Lords.

Mr Michael Wright, QC, and Mr Stepben Desch for the appellant defendants; Lord Gifford for the children, the plaintiff respondents. children, the plaintiff respondents.

LORD JUSTICE CAIRNS said that the three plaintiff children were illegitimate. Their parents had lived together from 1964 until their father was killed in 1971 in an actident for which the defendance. accident for which the defendants were responsible. In 1971 the children were three, five and six years old, living with their parents and cared for by their mother. The father father, a subcontractor in the building trade, was a generous man, providing all the necessaries of life for the mother and the children, together with long

days in Ireland and trips to rela-The defendants accepted that the children's pecuniary loss resulting from the death of their father included the cost of their share of the housekeeping, bolidays and food, of air fares and outings and food, of air fares and outings and the whole cost of clothes, toys, rent, television and washing machine. However, the children claimed that those parts of the father's expenditure which related to the maintenance of the mother indirectly formed a provision for them and, accordingly, the pecuniary loss to them was the total of the father's financial provision for the family less only the amonor attributable to his own keep and fares.

fares.
The basis of that claim was that during the father's lifetime be pro-vided for them to be looked after in the bouse by their mother and accompanied by ber on holidays and outings. Not having similer

K v J.M.P. Co Ltd provision made for them after his Before Lord Justice Cairns, Lord Justice Stephensoo and Mr Justice Could be measured by the amount of payments made to support the could be measured by the amount of payments made to support the could be measured by the amount of payments made to support the of payments made to support the mother and to enable her to travel with them. That argument was accepted by the trial judge.

For the defendants it was con-tended that there was no justifica-tion for treating the sums expended by the father for the

His Lordship was struck, as was the trial judge, that although Parlament had extended the benefit of the Fatal Accidents Act to illegitimate children, the Acts still made no provision for a woman who outside matrimony had lived with a man for many years, depended upon him and mothered his children. Counsel for the defendants had warned the court against in effect putting the mother, con-trary to the intention of Parliament, in the same position as if she had been a Iswful wife by awarding damages to children equivalent to ber own loss of dependancy.

In recent years there had been an extension of the principle that in both personal injuries and fatal accidents cases a plaintiff could recover damages measured by a recover damages measured by a figure representing reasonable remuneration for a wife, relation or friend who had voluntarily rendered services to the plaintiff by way of pursuing or care made occessary by the injuries or death. None of the decisions was near to the instant case because the care which the mother gave to the children was not made necessary by the death but was a continuation of care which was exercised before the death. If by the death of the father the

If by the death of the father the children had suffered a pecuniary loss through the loss of the care of their mother supported by the father, should the supplementary benefit received by the mother be set off against that loss? The change in the mother's resources did not constitute a pecuniary loss

to the children unless it could be those she could give before the shown that the care which the death.

Mother could give to them was diminished by the loss of the would be correct to leave to a jury, father's support.

It appeared that the mother entitled to supplementary benefit (or was at least likely to receive it) at the normal rate for a single person. Consequently ber share of the bousekeeping money provided childred. The cost of air fares and outings was different. Those were luxuries not covered by supplementary benefits. The payment of the mother's fares by the father could be regarded as a payment made to enable the children to enfoy holidays and outings and cessarion of those payments was a pecuniary loss to the children and recoverable by them.

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LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON, LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON, agreeing, said that social security benefit was not one of the benefits which section 2 of the Faral Accidents Act, 1959, allowed the court to ignore in balancing a dependant's gains against losses. It might not have to be set off against losses caused by a tortfeasor to a surviving plaintiff but it would have to be set off against the loss caused to a widow by her the loss caused to a widow by her busband's death, though that loss would include the cost of feeding herself. This mother was in a dif-ferent position; she could not get payment for her food and clothes payment for her-food and clothes directly from the defendants, but she did get it from the state. She could not get it twice over once from the state and once from the defendants indirectly through the children. It was only extras which social security would not over and which were sucurred by the mother in order to maintain the children's standard of life that could and should be paid for by the defen-dants as part of the children's loss.

MR JUSTICE GRAHAM, supporting the trial judge's basic figures, said that he did not think figures, said that he did not think it cight to make any definite assumption as to the amount of supplementary benefit which the mother would receive. The real question, was whether the children soffered a pecuniary loss capable of heing estimated in money terms by their father's death in that after his death the services and care which their mother, being alone without the father and not being so well supported, was able to give without the father and not being so well supported, was able to give them were likely to be less than

would be correct to leave to a jury, if the matter was being so tried, the question whether the comparative qualifies of the services and benefits afforded to the children in the family home by their mother in that capacity, supported to what-ever extent she might be after their father's death, were equal to those the father in ms lifetime. If those

He took the view that it was impracticable to view that it was impracticable to view and that "if some of her had to be supported as the mother of three children then the whole of her had to be". In assessing the children's posi-

In assessing the children's posi-tion after their father's death it was open to the judge to consider that the mother would be carrying the coal herself, ie, doing all the time-consuming jobs which had to be done in a home with three young children and would have less time and energy to devote speci-fically to the children individually. He was not in error in deciding that the children would be worse off in respect of housekeeping services and benefits available to them and that in any event the amount of money necessary to sup-port the mother should be assessed withour assuming that the maxinsuft supplementary benefit would be paid to her. Damages under the Fatal Accidents Acts could never be estimated exactly, and in cleav-ing with a broad axe as be had done the trial judge was right.

It was quite wrong to say that the judge's finding had placed the the judge's finding had placed the mother in the position of a leaving wife and enabled her to recover on that basis when she was not entitled to do so under the legislation. If she were a lawful wife she might have expected to be supported by her husband for many years to come and any multipaier lo her case in that capacity would be quite different and much longer than any used in the case of her sopport as a mother until the children reached the age of 16.

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Equitable assignment of option without notice

Warner Bros Records Inc v Roll-green Ltd and Others Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Sir John Pennycnick

[Jodgments delivered Dec 201 An equitable assignee of a con-tractual option who bas not given notice of the assignment to the grantor of the option cannot exercise in his own name so as to bind the grantor.
The Court of Appeal dismissed

an appeal by the third and fourth defendants, Mercury Record Pro-ductions Inc and Phonogram Inc, from the jodgment of Mr Justice Willis (The Times, December 4) setting aside third party proceed-ings by Mercury and Phonogram against the first and second defendants, Rollgreen Ltd and Mr Roderick David Stewart. Mr F. Maurice Drake, QC, Mr Michael Kempster, QC, and Mr Harold Burnett for Mercury and Phonogram ; Mr A. J. Lincoln, QC, Mr Andrew Morrite and Mr F. Ungoed-Thomas for Rollgreen and Mr Stewart; Mr Andrew Bateson, QC, and Mr Nicholas Strauss for

e plaintiffs, Warners. The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Stewart, a pop star, condocted his affeirs through Rollgreen. On October 9, 1968, he made an agreement with Mercury, an American company, under which Mercury was to employ him and be was to make recordings for them. That agreement was for a year, but Mercury were given four separate options of extending it for four separate terms of one year each. Each option was to be exercisable by written notice sent to Mr Stewart by registered post or recorded delivery. One clause recorded

said : " Mercury may at its election assign this agreement or any of its rights hereunder.

The options were exercised so that, apparently, the cootract would continue until October 9, 1973. In 1971 Mr Stewart, or Roll-green, made an agreement with "rival" prodocers and distributors, Warners, giving them the right to recordings for three years from that dare. from that date.

There was then oo conflict be-June 1, 1972, however, Mercury made an extension agreement with Mr Stewart, by which the option period was increased to two years expiring in October, 1973, and two further terms of two years further terms of two years each, each to be exercised as provided for in the original agreement.

Then Mercury, who were incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware, were dissolved, and transferred all their assers, including contractual rights, to New Mer-cury Corporation, who afterwards changed their name to Phonogram The important point arose that

The important point arose that no notice was admittedly given to Mr Stewart of that assignment by Mercury to Phonogram. Later, oo August 7, 1973, a letter was written purporting to exercise the option. It read: "... the undersigned, Phonogram Inc (formerly Mercury Record Productions Inc) does bereby exercise the option contained in the written agreement between yourself and said corporation, dated as of October 9, 1968, for extension of said agreement from October 9, 1973, to October 9, 1975." 1975. The point was whether that was valid exercise of the option.

The state of the s

Warners took proceedings against Rollgreen and Mr Stewart, Mercury and Phonogram being added later, claiming interference with and inducement of breach of their contract. It was only a few days before the trial that details of the assignment by Mercury to Phonogram emerged. The point whether the exercise of the option of August 7, 1973, was good was dealt with as a preliminary issue, formulated in terms agreed between the parties: "Whether or not an equitable assignment to the grantor of the option may exercise the same in his own name so as to bind the grantor of the option." Phonogram were equitable assignment.

Phonogram were equitable assigness who had not given notice of the assignment but just exercised the option themselves. As a point of law, Mr Justice Willis had decided that they could not exercise the option unless previously (or at the same time) they had given notice of the assignment.

given notice of the assignment.

The matter seemed to his Lordship to be reasonably plain. The court had been referred to cases of leases, such as Friary Holroyd v Singleton ([189] 1 Ch 86 and [189] 2 Ch 263), in the Court of Appeal, as to which Mr Drake said that special considerations applied to landlord and tenant cases.

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to landlord and tenant cases.

That might be, but awart from questions of landlord and tenant, it seemed quite well established that when there was not a legal assignment but an assignment in equity there was no effective right in the assignee to enforce his Lordship did not say sne on any right under it unless he had notice. That seemed to fi

the leading case of Dearle v Ball ([1828] 3 Russ 1). Mr Drake said that that case was dealing with priorities, but it was not so limited. The giving of notice was necessary to make title effective. That state of the law was accepted and recognized by what was now section 136 of the Law of Property Act, 1925. An option was a legal chose in action, and, as Mr Justice Danckwerts had pointed out in Strendale & Rell Ltd v. out in Stromdale & Ball Ltd v
Burden ([1952] Ch 223, 235), it was
a kind of offer which must be
accepted by the person to whom k
was made and not by any other
person. It could not be exercised
by an equitable assignee until by an equitable assignee until notice was given, and in the present case that was now too late. LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, agreeing, said that the only right of an equitable assignee was against the grantee. There was no reason to distinguish between landlord and tenant and contractual

Sir John Pennycuick delivered concurring jodgment. Solicitors: Davenport, Lyons & Co; D. M. Landsman & Co; Wright & Webb.

Correction .

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The third paragraph from the end in Attorney General's Reference no 2 of 1974 (December 21) should have read: "The Attorney General's question became relevant only on the assumption that the itry were not satisfied that the quantity of smoke in the motorist's the

OBITUARY

MR JACK BENNY A lifetime in entertainment



Jack Benny, who has died at his home in California at the age of 80, was the leader ui a generation of American comedians who grew to fame with the spread of radio in the early 1930s.

Born Benjamin Kubelsky in in Waukegan, Illinois, where his father ran a saloon, he went into vandeville at the age of 15, but not on the stage. Instead, he was in the orchestra pir, already playing the violin that was, with his reputed frugality, to become a trade-mark of a lifetime in entertainment.

Returning to vaudeville after the 1914-18 War, in which be served in the United States Navy, Benny progressed from the pir to the stage, where he fuund work first as a standup comic, then as a dancer and eventually as a small-part actor in Broadway musicals.

In 1926 he went to Los Angeles, where be met and married Mary Livingstone who was to stay with him on stage and off througbout his long life. Billed by now as Benny K. Benny, he continued to work in musicals and occasionally as part of a piano and violin donble act. His real break did not come

until 1932, in which year he leaves a widow weut on radio for the first time adopted daughter.

assurances to the contrary, Jack Benny was neither a mean man nor a mean violinist, although when he played his first serious concert one critic did note that the New York Philharmonic seemed to be out of tune with him. Another added simply: "Last night Jack Benny played Mendelssohn, and Mendelssohn

his name and his formune.

as a guest of Ed Sulliran.
"Hello folks;" were bis first
broadcast words. "My name is

Jack Benny. There will now be

a short pause for everyone to

ever, care about bim, to such an

extent that be bought himself

out of an already scheduled

stage musical and started to

work instead with the gravel voiced Negro, Rochester, on the

sbows that were to make both

In spite of his repeated

Radio audiences did, horr-

say, 'Who cares?'

Yet beneath the wisecracks Jack Bently was serious enough about the violin to invest in a Stradivarius, and his work for innumerable charities was every hit as painstaking and as fro-quent as the jokes about bis meanness. He once set up a trust fund to give every child in Waukegan 39 dollars, with the proviso that they could not cash the money until their thirty-ninth birthdays, by which time the value had multiplied many times over.

After the Second World War Benny moved his show, com-plete with Rochester, to television and carried it on there until changing public taste made it impossible to con-tinue with the "Uncle Tom" character of Rochester. Alone, Benny continued to do televisioo specials and concert and cabaret appearances until the very last months of his life.

His jokes remained, like the man himself, as polished, as urbane and often as acid as a page of the New Yorker. He leaves a widow and their

From Oxford he went into Fleet Street, and worked for

Daily Telegraph and Daily Mail. But he had always been inter-

esred in politics, and at the general election of 1931, when he was 28, he was elected as one

of the two Conservative mem-bers for Oldham. He lost the sear at the 1945 general election.

but was returned for Cambridge

the features of that election, for he nurned a Labour majority of

of 4.854. He held the scat at

Council of Europe at Stras-

bourg. He lectured in France for the Foreign Office on

Britain and Western Europe

and "The Role of the Opposi-

tion in Parliament", and in the United States on "British Foreign Policy". He was created a haronet in 1957. He was a former Chancellor of the Prim-

Kerr was a man of deep spiritual faith, and was keenly

interested in the work of Moral

Re-Armament. He was unmar-

SIR EDWARD

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The Archbishop of Canterbury

I should welcome the oppor-tunity of making reference to

an omission in your otherwise

admirable obituary notice of Sir Edward Maufe. No mention was

made in it of the work which Sir Edward did in connexion with Bradford Cathedral.

It was in fact an operation carried out with great skill and

success. He converted a 500-year-old city church which had, since the creation of the diocese

in 1919, served as its cathedral, into a very beautiful chorch worthy of taking its place among

the other mother churches of

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SIR HAMILTON KERR

Sir Hamilton Kerr, Bt. Comservative Member of Parliament
for Cambridge from 1950 10
1966 bas died at the age of 71.
"Ham" Kerr, as ae was
affectionately known by his
friends, was one of the most
friends, was one of th popular and versatile members of the House of Commons. He was an able writer, and had a wide knowledge of foreign affairs, about which he frequently spoke and lectured. He was an artist and paloter of nu mean ability, but he was also ao athlete, and a fine example of physical fitness.

While at Oxford he won an athletics Blue as a half-miler. He later played tennis for the Lords and Commons against the French Chamber of Deputies, and he represented the British Parliament at Sking. He kept the by vigorous training, and in 1954 was one of the athletes who was the order and in 1954 was one of the subsequent elections, his athletes who ran through the majority io May, 1955, being streets of Loodon carrying 7.106. purses from poiot to point in In 1949 he was a delegate to aid of the restoration fund of The Hague Conference, and in 1944 he was a delegate to the churches.

He had a gift for interpreting with almost uncanny accuracy the views of his fellow members on topics of the day. This proved of the utmost value when, between 1954 and 1957, he served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr Harold Macmillan at the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and

the Treasury.

Born in 1903, Hamilton William Kerr was the son of Henry S. Kerr, of Long Island, New York, and of Olive Grace (who, on her second marriage,

LORD MOYLE

Lord Moyle, CBE, whose death at the age of 80 was re-ported briefly in The Times on Tuesday, was (as Arthur Moyle) Labour MP for Stourhridge from 1945-50 and represented Oldbury and Halesowen from 1950-64. Between May, 1946, and December, 1955 be was Parliamentary Private Secretary to Earl Attlee when he was Prime Minister and later Leader of the Opposition. A man of great tact and good humour he gave Clement Attlee devoted service.

He successfully piloted three Private Members Bills through Westminster—the Pireworks Act, 1955, the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, and the Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958. He was created a life peer in 1966. He was twice married and is

survived by his second wife and the son of his first marriage Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State Northern Ireland Office.

DR JOHN RAMSBOTTOM Mr E. F. Allen writes :

Your excellent ohituary makes no mention of John Ramsbottom's service to the Royal National Rose Society. In 1949 be re-wrote the society's scientific bandbook, The Enemies of the Rose, in colla-boration with Fox Wilson, the entomologist. Although now somewhat dated this publication was an invaluable aid to rose growers of the time and the society showed its appreciation in 1950 by giving to Ramshottom its highest award, the Dean Hole Medal.

Mr Bertram Nicholis, former president of the Royal Society of British Artists, has died at the age of 91.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, December 28, 1949 Temperatures up

From Our Weather Correspondent Even those with very long memories will be able to quote few comparisons with the mildness of the Christmas period for 1949. On each of the last four days there have been temperatures above 50 deg lo England and Wales, and the nights have also been excep-tionally mild.

At Kew oo Boxing Day the temperature rose to 54.4 deg, and on the following night the tempera-ture did not fall below 49 dec. ture did not fait below 49 dec. These two temperatures equalled the records for mildness since 1882. The might of Boxing Daywas typical of early June and 12 deg above the average for the end of December. The average day and night remperatures at Kew during the last four days are also higher than any on record for the ilgher than any on record for the Christmas period.

A few towns have had sumver periods. The best record on Christmas Day was 4.6 hours of sunshine at Cleethorpes.

slope on which the architect had to work. The result of his laboura can he seen in a cathelike and attractive. Sir Edward was greatly assisted by Lady Manfe in the loterior decoration

of the church. I should like to add a word of appreciation of the cathedral which this great architect created at Guildford. I write as one who has twice had the privilege of lecturing at night to crowded audiences in a building which left the lecturer with the impression of a subdued hur

Mr Peter Lavington, joint managing director of Purnell and Sons Ltd, Paulton, Somerser. died on December 20 at the ago of 60. He moved to Purnells in 1962 to plan and install the coorpany's gravure division. He joined the board later in 1962 and became joint managing director of the company in 1970.

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No answer to alliance of Thomson and Lillee

From John Woodcock Cricket Carresponden: Melbourne, Dec 27

Although England failed to take an Australian wicket in the third Test match here today their position did not deteriorate from overnight. They took thele first innings score from 176 for seven to 242 all ont, and, because of had light and occasional rain, Australia had replied with only 63 runs off 29.3 overs by the close of play. Altogether two bours 20 minutes was lost.

Like 54,408 other people, pr most of them, I was baffled by Redpath's decision, in company with his partner, Wally Edwards, to leave the field in mid-afternoon when the umpires first gave them the option to do so. It was dark, certainly, but England, not Australia, had dieir backs to the wall. Hendrick had pulled a hamstring in the last over of the morning, an injury which will almost certainly prevent him from bowling again in the match. But off the Australians came, as drough it were they who were under pressure. There was only another 10 minutes' play after that, if any-Dring in rather worse light. It was at this time of year on the last lour of Australia that the whole of the Melbourne Test match was washed out. We are not in for that sort of weather, the bureau says, but it looks far from settled,

In that they are down to four In that they are down to four bowlers (Willis, Greig, Underwood and Titmus) with no one else to offer more than the occasional uver, the situation begins to resemble Sydney to 1950-51 when, after being bowled out for 290, England's attack was in the bands of Brown, Bedser and Warr, with only Compton to help ont. Both Wright and Bailey had been injured. We are better off than that now, but not by much, Wills is now, but not by mucb. Willis is howling with his thigh already strapped. By tomorrow morning, as things are going, we shall have an appendicitis on our hands.

Hendrick seems injury and illness none. Turkey is the Merchen

ness prone. Twice in the West Indies earlier this year, and again to Perth the other day, he was unfit to play when wanted. It was In his third over now that be broke down. By then the crowd had seen their most covertaining cricket of the day, played by knott and the England tailenders. The best fun after that was the appearance of two young Austra-lians, dressed, as the umpires always are out here, in white shoes, black trousers, white shirts with



A prank is over. The two youths who amused the 55,000 crowd with their impersonation of the umpires at Melhourne yeslerday are escorted off the field by two genuine policemen.

the sleeves rolled Jown, and broad white hats. They came out during the break for bad light, marching in step, which is again the thing tu do, and taking everyone in. By the time they were rumbled they were half-way to getting the game restarted, which most people thought should be happening any-

thought should be happening anyway.

In 80 minutes this moroing England's last three wickets had added anothec 66 runs. They would have settled for that. Knott was chiefly responsible, first with Underwood's belp, then Willis's and finally Hendrick's. The only trouble with this was that it emphasized how much the pitch had settled down since Thucsday. With their strength and speed, though, Thomson and Lillee still got the short ball to fly. Thomson was warned once, after he had nearly knocked Knott's head off, for underpitching. Lillee, doing the same, hit Underwood once on the hand. These are tough matches if you happeo to he batting for England.

When Knott and Underwood had put on 26 io as many minutes Walker replaced Thomson and had a swisb, a bang and a flat-batted drive he skied Thomsoo, now bowi-ing in Lillee's place, into the covers, where Walters beld a difficult catch, running away from the wicket and judging it perfectly. Thomson, when he bowled Knott, had taken 20 wickets in England's

come, which puts Thomson in the running for a record. The most wickets ever taken by an Australian in a series against England is 36, by Mailey in 1920-21.

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Thomson was back at full speed loday, after slightly stretching a hamstriug yesterday evening. He is hecoming more accurate with each match, and no slower. Like Lillee, he gives little away, his bonneer being too fast to hook and his wide one too wide to punish, unless you have Greig's telescopic reach. There are no signs at the moment of England finding an answer to the alliance of Thomson and Lillee.

The half-hour for which Aus-

The half-hour for which Australia batted before lunch was long enough for Hendrick to put himself out of the match, in all prohability, and for England's opening bility, and for England's opening attack, even before that, to look a watery effair compared with Australia's: nothing like as fast or as bostile oc as hazardous to play. This afternoon Underwood was oo at once, in Heodrick's place bowling the eighth over of the innings. When Greig replaced Willis, at medium pace, he had Edwards out, morally that is, half a dozen times. Greig bowled well today.

By the time the afteroom drinks were taken it was fast clouding over and windy enough for the umpires to be holding on to those hats. Titmus had three overs afterwards, all maidens. With his third ball he thought he had Redpath leg-before, sweeping. It would probably have been out in

every other country, except Ceylon, where, as in Australia, it is possible to sweep with impunity, so long as you get your pads in the way. Tilmins was so discomposed by this that, later in the same over, he gave Edwards a warning for all to see not to leave his ground when backing up, before the ball is bowled. Tilmus made to take the bails off with Edwards niore than a varil down Edwards niore than a yard down the pitch. Ten minutes latec Red-path and Edwards opted to come off.

ENGLAND: First tonings L. Amiss, c Wallers, b Lines, Lloyd, c Mallett, b Thomson C. Cowdry, l-b-w, b Tromson H, Edrich, c Marsh, b Mallett, M. H. Homeson, C Marsh, b Mallett, W. Crelq, run our L. P. E. Knoll, b Thomson J. Timus, c Mallett, b Lilles, L. Underwood, c Marsh, b Walker D. L. Underwood, c Marsh, b Walker
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Total FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 3—11B, 4—110, 5—141, 7—176, 8—213, 9—222, 81 WING: Lilion, 20—2—10—36—1; Waters, 7—2—10—36—1; Waters, 7—2—14—15—37—2. AUSTRALIA: Rirst Innings R. Rodpath, not out J. Edwards, not out Extras (1b 1)

Football

A stirring of mighty tradition

die now glazy-eyed observers of the ever changing English football scene have been looking towards Liverpool, Manthester and Jpswids, the league chamoionship has formed another attacking front in the north-east where Middlesbrough have taken a runiding leap over several contenders to became joint leaders. Any stirring In diat area of mighty tradition has to be taken sertnusly. especially as Newcastle United seem nune the worse for a bumiliating cap defeat by Chesler and lie only three points behind Middlesbrough. And the valce of the north-east is echned in the second division where Sunderland surely stand ready to be launched into higher ranks at the end of

surely stand ready to be launched into higher ranks at the end of this season.

The great football centres of the north are in collision today: Evertun and Middleshrough meeting at Goodison Park and Newcastle United facing Liverpool at St. James's Park. These would be resunnding occasions at any time but today assume special qualifies. hut roday assume special qualities at a time when a mistake or a moarent's good furtune can lift or drop a leam by as many as seren

angs. Liverpool are still the favourites, cording to the bookmakers, according to the bookmakers, and for all the criticism of their waning powers, they made short work of Manchester City on Boxing

Day and their experience is an incalculable easet. A vin against the roar of the Tyneside crowd would give them the coulidence to face the new year with high lape. Now that Thompson is back to add more ideas to the back and middle order of the team, Liverpool may well ne able to return the present formation for a period of rebuilding to past standards. The devoted but recently untilstinguished play of Smith is not required and Neal keeps los place in today's team. Newcasile, after impressive wins over Leeds United in today's team. Newcasile, after impressive wins over Leeds United and Carlisle United, find their former colleague, McDermont, in the opposition's camp, if only as subsilitate, but will be more concerned about the assimulation of their newcomers. Nelly and Croix, and the fitness of Barrowclough, Tudor and Natirass, who are all in doubt.

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Meanwhite, blerveyside will be awalting Middlesbrough with surprised interest. Encouraged by their sudden arrival as thampionship challengers, Middlesbrough should be in a mood to forget defensiveness and at the same finne force Everton to prove that Goodison would be a worthy home for champions. Recent performances have teoded to make one hope that no team as bankrupt of force and thinking as this Everton side could possibly champion the English game in Euroge next season. in donbt.

Possibly deteats by Carlisle and Wolverhampton Wanderers will have persuaded Everton to adopt

more positive football. Today they olay without Seargeont in defence, his position being taken by McLoughlin, and chosen from seven forward; Eilly Bingham, their manager, will also have on his mind the feet that Middle-brough have taken mue out of 10 points and scored 11 goals wide only one against so far this month.

A suggering deleat by Laton Town mast have reminded the Ipswich Town manager, Bohly Rolson, of the bad old days of Portman Road when the loudest noise was the chain. "Rolson out". Now Ipswich are no resilient and physically fit to change overnight from being potential champions to easy prey for the r-legation threatened clubs.

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at St Andrew's today they can even return in the tup of the table, but return in the top of the table, but Mr Robson is concerned about his striker. Johnson, who has a groun strain, and Beattie, troubled with an ankle injury. Two players without first division experience are the chosen understudies, Austin, a 20-year-old forward signed on a free transfer from Crystal Palace, and Roberts, only 17. Austin was spending Christmas at home in Huunslow when he was told to be ready for the has told to be ready for duty. He has scored 12 goals in 17 reserve matches—a hopeful sign for Ipswich who sometimes give the impression of disliking to violate the opposition's goal.

West Ham's thoughts of keeping London's mentions

London's trentbling pride seems endangered by a visit to Stolie City

without Rubson, Bunds and Brook ing. But Stoke have lost three games in a row and also have to make several changes because Rubertson has a broken leg. A witby Stoke could place Maochesto ly Stoke could olace Maochester City in the middle order because Derby County will give them a difficult game at Maine Road Oakes returns to the City team to make his 509th appearance, beating Bert Trautman's record. As any regular viewer of tele-vised football will know, there is rothing remarkable about "miracu-leus" indemateb cecoveries, but lies chullient character. Bowies

iliat chullient character, Bowles of Queen's Pork Rangers, made one of the field this week. On Christ, mas Day he was in hospital with sus, but dependicitis; within 48 hours he was home again after being fold he had an upset stomach. and loday he may play against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. Perhaps Luton Town, having teaten Derby and Inswich in the holiday period, will be able to keep the Wolvey from their door today and stay alive after all. That would Roy McFarland, the Derby Cuunty and England central defender, has been told that be is unlikely to play again this season. He damaged his Achilles tendon

during the match between England and Northern Ireland in May and his: played only two junior matches since then, lie is now having trouble with the tendon of his uther saide.

Hockey

Exciting climax to a novel occasion

By Sydney Friskin

Wales 3 England 4 The craze for novelty took a crowd of about 1,000 last might to the National Sports Centre at Cardiff where England defeated Wales in the first Indoor international bockey match played in Britain. It was not the first induor international meeting between the two countries, however, as England had beaten Wales 7-1 in the 1973 European championsbip in Paris.

There could hardly have been a more exciting finish to this excepniore excining times to this exceptional occasion. The score stood at three-all with barely a minute and a half to go, when Barrett coolly converted a short coroer to win the game for England.

It was a victory well deserved, for although Wales, inspired by Wilson, their captain, fought gallantly until the end, England's gallantly until the end, England's gallantly until the end, England's flick of the wrist put the ball in their short corner drill more precise. It was difficult to single out the most outstanding player to a side moving at an astonishing pace. All 12 players made valuable cootributions to success, only six being permitted in the playing area at ooe time.

By the end of an absorbing first half England had led 2—I tional occasion. The score stood at

ofthought the tally of short corners was 6 to 4 in favour of Wales. The first of these awards carned in the third minute was beauffully converted by Ralph Thomas. But barely two minutes later England equalized from a similar award. Hazell's hand-stop was faultless and Earrett scooped the ball stylishly into the net.

After 13 minutes of stylish After 13 minutes of stylish dribbing and quick interchanging Eugland took the lead from open-play. The advantage rule very well applied after Freitag had been obstructed, enabled him to recover this composure and score is well.

is composure and score a well taken goal.

Both sides changed their goal-keepers for the second half at the start of which England's reflexes seemed a little laster. Within three minutes Woodbridge spurted down the right flank and sphi the Welsh defence with a perfect pass across the circle. Hazell was on it lo a flash and with a stylish flick of the wrist put the ball in the net.

one occasion. With less than four one occasion. With less than four minutes to go Wilson scored from a short corner to level the score, but just as Welsh throals were being cleared for another rousing cheer, Barrett settled the issue in favour of England.

The outdoor scene this weekend seems to be domioated by the south group flual of the coooty

south group flual of the coooty championship tomorrow between Kent and Hampshire at Plaistow Poad, Bromley, starting at 1.30. The wioners will meet the Royal Air Force in the quarter-flool round of the championship propec, the draw for which is:

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Yachting

American ketch leads after

fortunes change

Sydney, Dec 27.—The 791913
American ketch Ondine III late tonight had opened a six-mile lead over the Sydney yacht Ballyboo in the Sydney to Hobart race. Ondine III's lead for line honours in the canual event came after a day of changing fortunes.

Five miles behind Ballyboo was Apollo III, followed by Bumblebee III, Apollo I, Buccaneer, of New Zealand, Mercedes IV, Fantasy Rag, Patrice III and Love and War. In the handicap positions, the Admiral's Cup conteoder Eumblebee III led from Apollo III. Mercedes IV and Warrl. Bumblebee III is owned by John Kahlbetrer and sailed by Michael Fleicher. Both men are from Sydney.

Sydney. The 620-mile race began on The 690-mile race began on Boxleg Day and is expected to finish any time between late oo Sunday und oext Tuesday, depending on whether the present light conditions continue to prevail.

The coment-hulled fields, last year's winner in the record time of 7,3hr 32ndn 9sec, was well back in fifteenth position with little chance of victory. The leaders after more than 24 hours were unly 110 miles from the start because of the light cooditions.

—Reuter.

Two bright patches do not make for sunny outlook

the initiative after the opening day of the third Test here today. They captured India's first three wickets for 32 runs and only good middle order batting enabled India to achieve a moderate total of 233. In 15 minutes' batting hefore the close of play, West Indies made 14 for no wicket.

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The bright patches in ludia's The bright patches in India's first innings were two face-saving stands Involving Viswanath, who made a chanceless 52 in 199 minutes. He put on 62 runs for the fourth wicket with Gaekwad, who was making his first Test appearance, and partnered Madan Lal to add 75 in 85 minutes for the fifth wicket. Gaekwad scored 36 and Madan Lal made 48.

With the Eden Garden pitch responding more to pace than spin,

suonding more to pace than spin, Ruberts mok five Indian wickets for 50 off only 19.3 overs. In contrast, the Iudian medium-pace howlers did not luok impressive, so the West Indies seem assured of a lead that could give them a winning three-nil lead in the

series.

India were dealt a heavy blow by the first ball of the match. The Indian captain. Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, won the toss and sent in Pataudi, won the toss and sent in Naik and Engineec to open the innings in the absence, through injury, of Gavaskar. Immediately Roberts, working np a good pace and lifting the ball awkwardly, bad Naik caught bebind by Murray when the batsman edged the rising ball.

Sharma, the Rajasthan player who made his first Test appearance in the second Test at Delbi,

Calcutta, Dcc 27.—The West did not last loog. After opening Indies, already two up in the five-march series against India held the initiative after the opening day inswinger from Julius applied him was held low at slip by Lloyd.

Indla were deep in trouble at
32 for three when Pataudi Joined
Viswanath, but he had to retire
after facing only five balls when
a ball, rising sharply from good
length, bit him on the chin. That
brought in Gaekwad to face some
hostile bowling and close fielding
that kept the scoring rate down.
The first bour produced only 48
runs from 13 overs. A swept four
to fine leg by Viswanath brought
the first 50 of the innings in 70
minutes.

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On the other side Goekwad seemed to be relishing the bowling of Julien, bitting him foc two fours in one ovec. He took nine off Julien's next over to catch up with his senior partner. The new player was out in the third over after lunch when be bad made 36 with five fours in good style. He went forward to a well-pitched ball from Fredericks and was clearly surprised when the napire gave him out, caught behind by Murray.

Madan Lal's innings was full of dangecous edges and books but he survived to score his 48 runs with 10 fours. His unorthodox innings ended when he was caught behind off Holder, who ended the day with two foc 48. Madan Lal fell soon after Viswanath, and that brought back Pataudi with a plaster on his chin. He was the last recognized batsman of the team.



Viswanath, who shared two bcave partnerships for India, and Roberts (right), whose pace brought bim five wickets.

Test scorecard



INDIA: First Innings

S. Nalk, c. Murray, b. Roberts
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R. Vissanaih, l-b-w, b. Gibes
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M. M. M. Marray, b. Holder
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A. S. Prassana, c. Greenidge, b. Roberts
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BOWLING To dato: Ghavri. 27-0: Madan Lal. 2-1-6-0.
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Tennis Roche beats Dibley to contirm camphanly

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Evonne Goolugoug and Margaret Court, the main challengers for the women's singles, both won second round matches. Miss Goolagong had little more than a warm-up against the young Australian player, Christine O'Neill, and won 6—1, 6—1. Mrs Court defeated Susan Mappin, of Britain, by 6—2, 7—5.

The bignest surprise in the

defeated Susan Mappin, of Britain, by 6-2, 7-5.

The biggest surprise in the men's event was the defeat of the four Japanese Davis Cup team members in early round matches.

One of the first victims was the Davis Cup team captain and Japan's No 1 player, Tosbiro Sakai.

iakai. An Australian junior, Peter Mc-An Australian Juntot, Feet Mc.
Namara, gained one of his best
wins wheo defeating the Mexican
Joaquin Loyo-Mayo, 2-5, 6-3,
6-2, 6-1 in the second round.
MEN'S SINGLES: M. Edmonuson
(Australia) beal T. Salot (Japan).

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Athletics

Foster's short cut leads to the hospital Brendan Foster, Britain's double

world record holder, is to have an operation oo bis back, the second in about two months, before he starts back on the road to top litness in the new year. Foster confirmed yesterday that he had had a recurrence of an old problem because he had taken a short cut in his training programme to be fit for the international crosscountry race he organized at Gateshead earliec this month. The consultant does nut think

the trouble is too had, and I should be able to start gentle running soon after the operation".

Toe 26-year-old European 5,000 metres champion said the trouble had only returned because he had not carried out the recommended suppleness exercises which should have preceded beavy training. He had thought that a loog training run would make up for 15 minutes exercises. Foster's back trouble underlines just some of the anxiety lacing runners who have to put more and more into their sport to stay at the 10p.

Foster, holder of the world 3,000 metres and two miles records, bas

metres and two miles records, has nictres and two inites records, has already abandoned plans for n season of indoor running in America in the new year, and will now race competitively only a rougle of times before the summer runple. The beauty that he cannot season. He knows that be cannot afford to risk more serious trouble if he is to maintain the right building for the Olympic Games in Munited in 1976.

Fuster had back trouble last summer, but trealment put him summer. but trealment put him right. He weot into hospital seven weeks ago for an operation.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated First division

Everton v Middlesbro Norwich v Oxford Util Tottenham v Coventry

Scottish first division

Clyde v Dumbarton Dundee v Airdrie Dunfermline v Partick Hibernian v Aberdeen Kilmarnock v Celtic Morion v Arhroath Motherweil v Dundec U Rangecs v Ayr St Johnstone v Bearls

St Johnstone v Hearts

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Second division

Gulton v Fulham Birmingham v Ipswich Bristol R v Bristol C Burnley v Cartisle Cardiff v Aston Villa Chelsea v QPR Millwall v Portsmonth Leicester v Leeds Nottm Forest v Notts Co

Scottish second division Albion v Altoa

Brechin v Berwick (2.0) Clydebank v Queen of S E Shring v Montrose Forfar v East Fife Queen's Park v Falkirk Raith v Cowdenbeath Stirling A v St Mirres Stenhsmuir v Hamilton Meadowbank v Strauraer (2.0) ...

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Third division

Brighton v Aldershot Grimsby v Walsall Halifax v Plymonth Hereford v Bury Luton v Wolves Oldham v Manchester U Unddersfield v Blackborn Manchester C v Derby Orient v Sunderland Preston v Chesterfield Newcastle v Liverpool Southampton v Sheffield W Southend v Port Vale Sbeffield U v Arsenal West Brom v Blackpool Swindon v Bournemouth Wrezbam v Charlton

Fourth division

Barnslev v Rotherham (3.15) Bradford City v Rochdale Brentford v Exeter Knockout Cnp Darlington v Chester Lincoln v Scuntherpe Mansfield v Newport Reading v Stockport Shrewsbury v Cambridge Utd .. Cross-country Torquay v Swansea (7.20) Workington v Crewe

Television highlights

BBC 1 Foothall: Focus (12.25) Racing: Newbury races at 1.0, 1.35, 2.5, 2.35 Boxing: Lord Shinwell interview (1.10)
Cricket: Third Test match (1.45)
Mour Racing: Brands Eatch
meehing (2.15, 2.45)
Rugby Leagne: York v Bramley (3.0) Golf: Jacklin v Oosterhius (3.50) Football: Match of the Day (10.20) BBC 2 Rugby Union: Cardiff v Ebbw Vale (5.45).

Cluh matches

Alb v Exelor (2.45) v Aberavon v Aberavon v Harrogate (2.50) Fylde (2.50)

Rugby League First division

Rugby Union

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Foutball: Big March (2.0)

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Sallord v St Halms Second division

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The Dikler should give Walwyn fourth Mandarin Steeplechase

ly Michael Phillips acing Correspondent

It cannot be easy staging a nod race meeting in the wake of hristmas, but Newbury have chieved that goal today. Their rogramme is built around the landarin Steeplechase, sponored for the first time this year y the Metrostore group. Named fier that lionhearted little iceplechaser of the late fifties littic nd early sixties, the horse who on the King George VI Steeple-hase twice in his heyday in addition to the Gold Cup at Cheltenam, the Hennessy Gold Cup and the French Grand National, to ay's race could provide Manarin's trainer, Fulke Walwyn, the Market Fulke Walwyn, inb yet another success.

Walurn has won it three nmes bready, twice with that unfor-emble character Mill Boose, nd then again with Lord Jim on he relies upon The Dikler, the has went the Gold Cup, he king George VI Steeplechase and the Whithread Gold Cup as well. The Dikler has a big yeight the Carry this afternoon, after naturally, in view of his ecord. But he has the size and he strength to cope and he will be much more at home racing wer the distance of this race, which is three and a quarter piles, than he was at Cheltensian earlier this month when he mished only lifth in the Massey-erguson Gold Cup, over only nd then again with Lord Jim erguson Gold Cup, over only to and a half miles. Carrying a weight then, he was beaten

nig weight then, he was beaten only 10 tengths.

The Dikler won his Whathread hold Cup at Sandown Park in the prim on the disqualification of froud Tarquin, who is one of his vals again this afternoon. It was torch and go then, with froud Tarquin passing the winning post a head in from of The littler, having hampered him Diller, having hampered him slightly after jumping the last tence. The Diller will he meeting Proud Tarquin on a pountworse terms this time, but at least to has the advantage of laving and the receipt its serging scherous re has the advantage of laving and a race this season, whereas Priod Tarquin has not, and that could well be decisive. Cuckolder, who finished fifth in the Whitbread, is also in the field this afternoon. He limited second in afternoon. He finished second in this race last year carrying 10 st 1 lb. Now he has 9 lb more on his hack. Ceckolder heat The Dikler by six lengths at Doncaster last January, when he won the Great Yorkshire Steeplechase, but he is meeting my selection on 9 la

worse terms.
After winning at Sandown, Cuckolder has run moderately on two occasions. Mounlight Escapade has also run badly since he finished has also run badly since he finished third in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, run over this course and distance in November. On that occasion he linished in front of The Dikler, but that was The Dikler's first race this season, and I not only hope but expect to see the big horse ilo better this time. Plas lolyn and Prairie Dog are the only other runters, Prairie Dog is a stable companium of The Dikler and definitely the second string. Plas lolyn has better known in the West Country, where he won three West Chustry, where he won three races last season. He has never given me the impression that he is canable of wioming a race of this

nature.
If The Dikler does win It could carry be the third of three winners carry be during a railing and nepes



Don't Hesitate and Juho Francome take the last hurdle.

lu win the Panama Cigar Hordle iqualifier) with Sunyboy. Brant-ridge Farmer jumped impeccably when he ran away with a similar race at Chepsiow eight days ago. Sunyboy has a harder task. He must the weight to Etherstone Venest Sunyboy has a harder task. He must give weight to Flintstone, Nougat, wiss Poker Face and Pierino, all of whom boast useful form. But I still think that a horse of Sunyboy's class—he did after all win the Newbury Autumn Cup as a three-year-old and he has won two of his three races under Nadunal Hum rules—ought to be capable of carrying on the good work. The Sovereign Handicap Hurdle

The Sovereign Handleap Hurdle is another race that bas heen sponsored at Newbury today, and on the face of it looks a real teaser. But I hope that Birds Nest will provide the answer. There was a lot to like about the way that Birds Nest ran at Cheltenham earlier this month when he finished second to Perambulate, beaten only a length and a half in what was his first and unly race this season.

He was one of the better recruits

He was one of the better recruits to hordling last season. Fighting Taffy and Ronson Avenue, second and fifth respectively in the Benson and Hedges Handicap Hurdle at Tatu Sandown in November, and True Sung could form the bard core of his opposition. Shock Result, a stable companion of Birds Nest, is likely to wio the Newbury Old Year Steeplechase, a race that their problems of the Newbury List would be not less than the control of the Newbury of the Newbury Old Year Steeplechase, a race that their problems of the Newbury List would have the new less than trainer, Bob Turnell, also won last year. Shock Result won a similar race run over this course and disrace run over this course and ofstance in November. Denys Adventure is not at all easy to train these days, and into View also has his problems. The last race, the Chaltow Hordle, may he won by Zin Fasteder, provided that be can rope with Montreal Boy and Mr. Montreal Boy and Mr Muuse.

After more rain, the going war much more testing at Kempton Park vesterday than it was on Box-

This was most noticeable. Ceul-na-Mara, Well Olled and Right Lad, were three exceptions, and they won the three streptechases. Ridden by Stephen Inbar Cuel-na-Mara led from pillar to past in the Berni Inns Steeplechase (qualifier), to give his trainer, Stan Mellor, some small consolation for the loss of his promising young hurdler, Bell Bryn, who had to be put duwn on the previous evening when it was discovered that he when it was discovered that he had broken a shoulder after falling

at Kempton.

Jumping like a buck, Ceol-naMara gave Jubar a good ride.

Jobar is Jeremy Glover's understudy in Mellor's stable at Lamhourn and right well did he ride
Ceol-na-Mara in the absence of
the stable's number one jockey. the stable's number one jockey, who was on duty at Wilverhampton. In the process he carned the praise of Mellor, the only man to have ridden more than 1,000 who ners under National Hunt rules in this country. The owners of Ceolina-Mara have every right to regard December 27 as their lucky day. It was on the same day last year that their horse won a hurdle race for them at Kempton. Johar and Mellor hoped to win the Kenton Handicap Steeplechase as well with No Scuich, but this former point-Handicap Streplechase as well with No Scuich, but this former point-tu-pointer made a crude mistake jumping a mile from home, and unseated his young rider.

Right Lad had been jumping holdly and merrily in the lead from the outset, a role that both he and his rider. Boh Champion, were ohviuusly rontent to continue. At no stage did this young horse look no stage did this young horse look in any danger of being defeated. I gathered afterwards from his trainer. Miss Aureol Sinclair, that Right Lad is now earmarked for the Stones Ginger Wine Steeple-

Stag Party is weighted to beat Tee-Cee-Bee

Just how severely limited is the upply of horses who can truly stay three miles and jump 20 fences is shown by the size of the fields for Wetherby's 54,000 Rowland Meyrick Handicap Steeplechase on Thursday and for today's £1,500 Northumbria Handicap Steeplehase at Newcastle.

chase at Newcasile.

In Wetherby's big race, won by Glen Owen, booght io Ireland as a four-year-old three years ago by Neville Crump for Lord Cadogan, there were six runners, and this afternooo only five will start for the Northumbria Steeplechase, carrying a handsome prize. Bot both races are over three miles, both are un northern race courses, and they cume within 43 hours of each other. There are not enough good staying steeplechasers to protide fields of eight up to 12 or more, offering the chance to ber more, offering the chance to bet each-way when they take place over the holiday period, and are on courses not far apart.

Every National Hunt programme

Every National Hunt programme must include a three mile race aver fences, and it might be fruitful and rewarding, and certainly more attractive to the public, if Newcastle and Wetherby at these Christmas meetings were to discuss things and work out a policy which would benefit all. The Rowland Meyrick Steeplechase is longer established than Newcastle's Northumbria Steeplechase. Perhaps it would be better for both courses if Newcastle reduced the value of the three-mile Northumbria Steeplechase and took f1,000 of it to put to a two-mile handkap to put to a two-mile handkap steeplechase. The result of such steeplechase. The result of some an agreement oo these lines might mean larger fields for both courses, and there would certainly be a dozen runners for a £1,500 two-mile handicap steeplechase at New-

For the Northumbria Streple-chase this afternoon, the question might hover over the ability or otherwise of the grey Tee Cee-Bee to give 22 lb to Jumbo Wilkinson's Stag Party. In Astot's SGB Steeplachase on December 14 Tee-Steepischase on December 14 Tec-Cec-Bee finished a good fourth to Rough House, but he gave a dif-ferent performance earlier at New-hury when he showed little cere-mony or attention to the starter and swerved violently to his right when the field was coming into line. He shot Bob Davies our of the saddle and took no part. If the race today had been at Ayr. where Tee-Cee-Bee has a great record, he probably would have been my choice, but at the weights stag party, r. winner over three males at Teesside Park, might be the sounder selection.

SKF Cesarewich and third and first in his two races over hurdles this season in the colours of Newcastle's chairman, Colonel R. Taylor, may be 100 good for Dansan in the first division of the Partridge Novices' Hurdle (12.30). Partridge Norices' Hurdle (12.51).
However, Ken Oliver who trains to the six pears of the six-year-old running for only the funth time in three seasons, woo by a neck at Arrearly to December. He stipped out in the marker from 7-1 to 11-1 and he is probably improving.

Irish Favour, second in the 1973

be is probably improving.

Old Vince, disqualified for bumping at the same Ayr meeting after timishing first to The Genr. is well in the £2,000 Ladbroke Billy Bow Handicap Hurdle with 10 st. In this race, named after ken Gliver's top-class handicapper, who won the equivalent race at New-castle in 1963 and collapsed and died just after he had passed the post. Charlie Hall's good filly Super Nova and Stay-Bell are noted as the dangers to Old Vince.

French Wood stays on too strongly for Shinto

The Benign Bishup put up a The Benign Eisbup put up a fine weight-carrying performance in the mud when giving 25lb to Fanatic in the Towinn Handicap Steeplechuse at Wetherby yesterday. The seven-year-old, ridden by Stuart Oliver, tracked the course specialist, Blunde Viking, in the early stages and then went on from Fanatic with four fences to jump.

ken Oliver, saddling his eighteenth winner of the season, said: "The going was all against The Benign Bishop. He hates the soft and will oow either go for the Belston Handicap Chase at Ayr next week, or line up for the Great Lancashire Handicap Chase at Handock on Jamuary 4. Stuart Oliver, registering his objecteenth win as an amateur, was having his first ride this season. first ride this season.

Neville Crump, who completed a I sathered afterwards from his trainer. Miss Aureol Sinclair, that Right Lad is now earmarked for the Stones Ginger Wine Steeple chase, run at Sandown on February 1.

SLATE OF COING reflects 1988.

Barberry provided a surprise in the first division of the Christmas Juvenile Novices' Hurdle when holding on by a head from the odds on Mine a Million. Barberry, powerfully ridden by Paul Bloomfield. carried 21b overweight and strode into the lead on the run-in to give Mrs Betty Martin from Peterborough her first success as an owner.

David Coulding came in for a

David Goulding came in for a lucky chance ride on Clicquot Signal, who won the Borough-hridge Novices' Sneeplechase. J. James, the gelding's usual parmer, was down to ride at Market Rasen and at the last usuante David Coulding was booked. Goulding shook his mount up on the run-into win by half a length from Kelton Lad to provide Jombo Wilkinson, the trainer, with his twelfth success of the season.

The two-day meeting attracted good crowds. Six thousand race-goers clicked through the turnstiles on Boxing Day, and 5,000 turned up yesterday—1,000 np on the same day last year.

Mont Felard and King Frog.



Comedy of Errors takes 2-1 lead

Dublin, Dec 27

Comedy of Errors became the first horse to win two runnings of the Irish Sweeps Hardle when at Leopardstown yesterday he got the hemer of an exciting duel with his old rival. Lanzarote, to win by a length. This was very much a two-house race and the nearest member of the pursuing pack was the 30-1 English-trained runner Mr Straight, who was six lengths behind in third place. The best of the Irish was Ribosaim. This brother to the Oaks winner, Long Look, was another five lengths back, just ahead of Parem Slipper.
Lanzarote's stable companion.
Calzado, was first into his stride and ed early on, but his spell of

and led early on, but his spell of steeple-hasing appears to have blunned his speed and he never set the sort of headstrong callop that one expected. With three-quarters of a mile to travel, Lanzarote took command, but Ken White riding Comedy of Errors was taking no chances of the leader slipping the field and he was in close touch field and he was in close touch over the third last flight. At this point Mr Straight was hing second. but soon afterwards he started to lose ground, and as they beaded

for nome Lanzarote on the rails had a length to spare over the im-proving Comedy of Errors. Lanzarote was the first to come Lanzarote was the first to come under pressure and reaching the final flight it was clear that Comedy of Errors was going that much easier. He was not too clever bere and Lanzarote was quicker away from the flight, but on the long run-in Comedy of Errors stride by stride ont into Lanzarote's lead and, taking up the running 200 yards from home, won somewhat comfortably from his hard-pressed opnonent.

This was their third encounter and the second time that Comedy in Errors has prived the better of the pair. All is now set for the fourth meeting in the Champion Hurdle at Chetenham in March and the leading figure of London. Hurdle at Cheltenham in March and two leading firms of London bookmakers were divided in their opinions as to what will be the outcome. William Hill make Comedy of Errors favourite at 5-4 with Lanzarote a 6-4 chance, but Ladbrokes reversed the two horses and leave Lanzarote as their favourite.

My uwn view is that on anything other than heavy ground Comedy

offer than beavy ground Comedy of Errors has every chance of regaining the title which he lost to Lanzarote ploe months ago.

the Wolvernampion Champion Hurdle Trial on February 18 and that Lanzarote will be reserved for the Ladhruke Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton the same month.

Yesterday's success marked Fred. Rimell's third victory in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle, but it has been a far from happy Christmas lor bis srch rival, Fred Winter, who on Boxing Day had seen his top steeplechaser. Pendil, bearen by steeplechaser, in the King Course. Captain Christy in the King George
VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park, and now was on hand to see
Lanzarote's claim to be rated
Europe's top hurdler further's
tarnished. 2.5 (2.11) IRISH - SWEEPS HUROLE

Berry to pit Duffle Coat against top-class opposition

Sual at Haydock Park pext month and then one of Cheltenham's top novice events in March are the ambidous targets for Duffle Coat, who pipped Brown Admiral by a neck for the Astbury Trophy at Wolverhampton vesterday.

"Duffle Coat is not only the best horse I have trained, but I think he is the best in the country.

The fences here are only toys for begger jumps and a tougher

Duffle Coat, who will be a first National Hoot Festival runner for Berry, was gaining his fifth win from seven starts and the trainer is emphatic that his horse should have to all seven.

have won all seven. Duffle Coat and his market rival, Brown Admiral, who is also highly rated by Fred Rimell, matched strides over the last the handle had the upper hand in the straight.

The Wills Premier Steeplechase course", the trainer, Jack Berry, Berry is undecided which race to go for at Cheltenham. "He has the speed in win at two miles and the stamous for three", be After eight weeks out of luck After eight weeks out of luck, Lurd Oakser came in for a chance ride on The Leap in the Stafford Handicap Steeplechase, due to the Injury of Sean Parkyn at Wincanton. Lord Oaksey made the most of his opportunity, poaching winning advantage a mile from home and hearing the top weight, Spanish Steps, by six lengths.

Newbury programme

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PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (4-y-o: \$1,035; 2m)

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1.35 MANDARIN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £3,153: 3}m SOU 2131-00 The Dikter (CI (Mrs Augosi), F. Walwyn, 11-12-7 R. Barry 13213d- Prood Tarquin (Sir J. Thomson), H. Armytage, 11-10-10 Caksey 10-21pf Cackolder (C) (Exors of Mrs Rogerson), R. Turnell, 2-1 Turnell, 2-1 Turnell 308 D-00330 Moonlight Escapade (Mrs E. Wharton), C. Miller, 8-10-5 311 1111p-3 Plas loiyn (A. Perry), J. Thorne, 16-16-1 311 11110-3 Plas lolyn (A. Perry). J. Thorne, 10-10-1 P. Hlacki 314 2004-30 Prairie Dog (Mrs Walwyn). F. Walwyn, 10-10-0 .. A. Branford 7-4 The Olkjer, 3-1 Cuckolder, 3-1 Moonlichi Escapade, 8-1 Proud Tarquin, Plas lolyn, 12-1 Prairie Dog.

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Taffy, 10-1 Old Man Dimolex, Seaming Lee, 12-1 My Nero, Ronson Avenuc.

3.05 CHALLOW HURDLE (3-y-0 : £2,141 : 2m) LOW HURDLE (3-y-0:£2,141:2m)

Benroy (A. Kennedy: M. Haynes, 11-0 ... D. Mould Calssa Ira iM. Roberts: J. Hayward, 11-0 ... J. Davies 5: Catherine Star (R. Gilling: Mrs Finch, 11-0 ... R. Creen 7: Colmen (D): Qocon Morhar: F. Watwyn, 11-0 ... A. Carroll 7: Dear Papa 1D) (Mrs Hazell: P. Taytor, 11-0 ... A. Carroll 7: Dear Papa 1D) (Mrs Hazell: P. Taytor, 11-0 ... A. Carroll 7: Dramatlat (L. Thwaltes: F. Watwyn, 11-0 ... A. Sranford F. Dramatlat (L. Thwaltes: F. Watwyn, 11-0 ... B. Rouse Ilrum Major (D. Underwood): Underwood, 11-0 ... B. Rouse Heale (P. Oeal: S. Mollor, 11-0 ... D. Space; R. C. May (C. Covenia) R. Sniyth, 11-0 ... B. Rouse Heale (P. Oeal: S. Mollor, 11-0 ... D. Space; R. May Nosac (N. Cagon): H. Price, 11-0 ... Rowell Mrs Rowell (R. Douchor): C. Bonstead, 11-0 ... Rowell Royal Set (Col Sir O. Clague): C. Benslead, 11-0 n. Rushes Sarous (R. Douchor): C. Bonstead, 11-0 n. Rushes Sarous (R. Douchor): C. Bonstead, 11-0 n. Rushes Say Something 1M. Gussins): C. Herwood, 11-1 ... C. Rical Sie Fern (D) (Mrs Herniques): W. Marshall, 11-0 M. Wognor Sendelle (Mrs Scrase): G. Harwood, 11-1 ... C. Colsworthy Welsh Coent (M. Brynn): S. Woodman, 11-0 ... C. Colsworthy T. Fastener (R. McAljine): F. Rimoll, 11-0 ... J. Surket (M. Marshall: 11-0 ... J. Surket (M. Marsha Dp 5-3 Hutapu, 4-1 Montreal Roy, 9-3 Colman, 5-1 Zip Fasiener, 8-1 Sea Fern, 10-1 Oramatisi, 12-1 Nopac, 16-1 Mr Mouse, 26-1 othore.

Warwick programme

[Television (IEA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]





1.45 BEGINNERS SIEDERECHASE (LOSS. 2311)
2" 20-1121 Broncho II (D) IF. Tyldesley!, A. Olckinson, 5-12-0
5 31-15 Stalenist - Sirs McMooldn: P. Cundeil, 7-12-0 Franconco
10 11000-0 Copper Canyon II. Rowley!, W. Whislen, 7-10-11 R. F. Davies
13 4-03 Mester Lipham IR. Brinkworth; B. Gandolfo, 6-10-11
W. Shoemark 11-8 Statonist, 15-S Master Uphans, 11-4 Copper Canyon.

2.15 WILLIAM HILL HURDLE (HBDdicap: £832:2m)

3. 10-12 Mr Flyer (D) (Miss Sheman), R. Armytage, 4-11-10 J. Clover

4. 00-1022 Narry Zephyr (CO) (Mr. Lacey), I. Oudgeon, 5-11-3

6. 01021 Captain Ezra (DI) (N. Finch), Finch, 5-11-0 ... Jen Scallan 3

7. 0-01022 Spartan (CDI) (W. Catstrey), M. Tole, 5-10-11. Nr Evans 7

9. 310210 Crey Bove (C. Price), Price, 5-11-3

10. 300102 Fire Alarm (J. Rowo), F. Rinoll, 4-10-1 ... K. While

11. 001021- Red China (Mrs Blackburn), Mts Morris, 5-10-3 ... P. Larconbe 7

11-4 Spartan, 4-1 Harry Zephyr, 1-2 Fire Alarm, 11-2 Crey Dave, 7-1 Mr. Flyer, 8-1 Captain Ezra, 13-1 Rod China. 2.45 CRUDWELL CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,044:

6 1715-14 Cierification (CD) (Lord Dulverton), R. Armytage, 6-11-3.15 WASPERTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £204: 2m 5f)

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1 00 Sore-Do III iR. Colemani, P. Milner, 5-11-7 R. Crent
1 0-00300 Cenna Light (M. Herri: G. Rooney, 5-11-7 Mr Rooney, 5-10-7 Colever
5 00 Cervic (G. Abrahansi, II. Armytago, 5-11-7 J. Clover
6 0-000 Cellile IP. Crowl, W. Whiston, 6-11-7 R. P. Davies
7 0 Hendo IL. Harrical, F. Rimell, 6-11-7 R. White
8 000 Mark of Honoer (Mrs Cavol. Mrs Gaz, 5-11-7 R. White
9 000 Milowyn (A. Richards), B. Honley, 6-11-7 R. Hyott
10 02 Hageri IB. Cayrer, P. Cundol, 6-11-7 J. Francome
11 04-002 Swinging Chick (R. Moore), P. Bovan, 5-11-7 Mr Jones 7
13 04-003 Tandals, Mrs Cardner, F. Windler, 5-11-7 Mr Dones 7
15 440-0 Tep Score (Mrs Tare), M. Tate, 5-11-7 Mr Evans 7
1-1-1 Tandals, 100-20 Wikewyn, 4-1 Nagari, 6-1 Swinging Chick, 10-1 Golden
Russet, 13-1 Top Score, 20-1 olhers.

Warwick selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 Dumette. 1.15 My Captaio. 1.45 Master Upbam. 2.15 Harry Zephyr. 1.45 Highland Explorer. 3.15 Nagari.

Newcastle programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0 and 230 races]

10 PHEASANT HURDLE (Handicap: £204: 2m 60yd) 30u-pi0 Tertings (A. Bell), C. Bell, 8-12-7 J. 104p-p2 Hassendean Burn (CD) (W. Forster), Forster, 12-11-

8-1 Night Afgir, 16-1 others. 130 LADBROKE BILLY BOW HURDLE (Handicap: £1,632;

5-4 Super Nova, 7-2 Gay Perch, 4-1 Front Bencher, 13-2 Irish Special 8-1 Stay-Boil, 10-1 Old Vince, 13-1 Indian Empany, 16-1 others. 2.0 NORTHUMBRIA STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,266: 3m)

2.30 GAME BIRD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 21m)

3.00 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div II: 5272: 2m 60vd)

Newcastle selections

By Our Racing Staff 12.30 Irish Favour. 1.0 Night Skite. 1.30 Old Vince. 2.0 STAG PARTY is specially recommended. 2.30 Rubstic. 3.30 Basil Thyme.

Newbury selections

By Our Raciog Correspondent 12.30 Braotridge Farmer. 1.0 Sunyboy. 1.35 The Dikler. 2.05 Shock Result. 2.35 BIRDS NEST is specially recommended. 3.5 Zip Fastener.

ALSO RAN: 4-9 law Relevant (put).

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Corrod, at Lincoin. Distance, 101. Ashcondene did not run.

Condene did not run.

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Kempton Park results

Core 1: novices: £358: 2m1

Kigal, b. c., by Relic—Irania 1 Nrs

B. Harris., 37s., 10st 8 lb

Rossiel, qr o. by Rockavon—
Nicasaine (Mrs. Prihorpo). 59r.,
11 at 6 lb

Lad—Scolch Corner (Mrs. P. 1 lat 6 lb

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Kesdrickt., 49rs. 10 et 8 lb

ALSO RANE, 89-341 lat 5 lb

Sooge, 11-2 Ocean's Treasure (4 lb).

Review, Whistling Swall and Frincely Review, Whistling Swall Pelham, Princely Review, Whistling Swall Pelham, Pristist, Prides Pal. Scolland The Save, Treiscombe Lass, Venelian Lord, 17 ran.

70TT; Win, £4.18; plates, 65n. 15p. 25p. G. Sowicke, at Didcot. 8ht bd. 8l. 1.15 | 1.17| BERNI HHS STEEPLE-CHASE | 12901; 3m)

CHASE 12901: 3m1

Cool-ma-Mara, ch. g. by Applionius
Dorcanua (Mrs. M. SeddomBrown). Syrs. 10 et 2 P.

Moon Trip. b. by Slati - 11 light's
Orchid (Mr. A. Connoll), 6yrs.
11 et 8 b Mr. C. Sounders (20-1) 2

Exhibit B. b g. by Vuigan—Rosbrin
Rase (Mr. F. Manuchn), 5yrs.
10 st 12 lb. A. Sraulord (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 Man on the Manu
11. 5-1 Silver Metcori (4lh). Happy
Warrior (u), 13-2 Footbear, 7 rsn.
TOTE: Win, 23c; places, 19p. 6 lp. TOTE: Win, 23p: places, 19p. 61p: dual forecast, £4.75. S. McClor, at Lambourn, 10l, 20l.

1.15 11.18 LADSROKE HOLIDAYS
NURDLE Handicap: £1.012: 3m1
Oon't Hesitate, b 9, by Enlanglemonl-Crystal Clear (Mr P.
Solkher: 4yrs, 10 of 13 lb
J. Francome (10-1; 1
Nurry (mp. b 9, by Havoid:—Rising
Gold (Mrs 0. Negus-Fancey).
4yrs, 10 st 13 lb
Palm Monday, ch 9, by Royal Palm
—Tuesday Eve (Mr J. Hugbes).
6yrs, 10 st 7 lb
B. R. Oavies (1-2) 3
ALSD RANG 4-1 lay inaudible (p).

ALSO RAN: 4-1 lay inaudible 1p; 5-1 Sydney Carton, 7-1 Makadir, 8-1 Sydney Carton, 7-1 Makadir, 8-1 Sydney Carton, 20-1 Valuable Coin 14th; 10 ran, 20-1 Valuable Coin 14th; 10 ran, 88p; places, 26p, 20n, 17p, P. Cundell, al Complon, Ri, 121, Top Priority and Quickstiver did not run.

12.45 (Oly 1) novices: £338: 2m1 CHASE (Handkap) Col2: 2m.

2.50 (2.52) KEHTOH STEEPLECHASE (2500) 5 ml.

Right Lad, ch. g. by Cause Righta ——Canny's Lad (15 ml. Sanderson), 6 vrs. 10 si 8 hl (2-1 lay) 7

Creat Opportunity, 10 g. by Ornards ——Great M. on (2-1 lay) 7

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Moonee River, b. g. by Autre Prince—dan's name unknown (15 lay) 8

Also Ran: 9-4 No Scoich (fr. 13-2) 8

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Sincklift, 20-1 Super Do (p). Smokeles ini. 8 mn.

TOTE: Win. 32g; places, 180, 29p.

21p: Gual Topecast, 22-23, Miss A. Sincklift, at Lewos, 12l, 15l, Sarmer and Thursday Christian did nol ron. 3.20 (3.25) Epham . Hurdle novices: £258: 2m) novices; £238; 2m)

Beau Regard, b o. 09 Charlotterville—Kogal Boll 1Mrs J.
Mullion). 4yrs. 10 at 8 tb

Neldelberg, b g. by Miralgo—
Western Sun 1Mr N. Whitcombi.
Syre. 10 at 13 lb

C. Read (2-1 fav) a

Nighview Jack, h p. by Parhia—
Mollymawk (virs S. Section).

5yrs. 10 st 15 lb

M. C. Cillord (7-1) 3

ALSD RAN: 7-1 Jockey. 8-1 China
Bank (4th). 10-1 The Dene. 16-1 Cay
God, My Charlie, 20-1 Humanist, Our
Hipper, 23-1 Cromwell. The Magician.
Eastaroso, Shivers Regal, 14 ran.

FOTE: Win. 560: places. 270 (4th)

Eastaroso, Shiver's Regal, 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55p: places, 27p, 24p.
24p. H. Price, at Findon, 51, 61.
TOTE DOUSLE: Oon't Hesitate and
Right Lad. L19.45. Trebie: Ceol-Na.
Mara, Well Olice and Sear Regard.
£14.40. Jackpot: No. won No.
Solation divident No. won pool ar
Hewbury guaranteed at £4,000.

Wetherby results

12.30 (12.32) CHRISTMAS NURDLE

(DIV I: 3-y-n novices: £204: 2m;

Barberry, ch g, by Jolly Jet—Gracia
(Mrs.-B. Martin) 10-0

Mine A. Millon, b c, by Hopeigt
Venture—Gem of Cems | Mr G,
Strawbridger: 10-12

Chivas Regal, ch f. by Sword Oancer
—Unity (Mr T, MeDonald), 11-1

D. Coulding (5-1)

ALSO PAN: A Asset Wash ALSO RAN: 7-1 Arrow Head. 8-1 Fighling King (4th., 11-1 Buckmenol, 12-1 Curied Leaf, 20-1 King'o Scholar, Phaniom Cal. Satalis, Silde. Nambour 101. 12 ran. Phaniom Cal. Security 10 to 10

1.U 1.11 BURGUGNBRIOCE STEEPLECHASE (Hovices: 9540: 5m 160yds: Cliquet Sipnal, b.g. by Rullagheelagh-Space Signal i Mr. E. Hunterlin, 7-11-5. D. Goulding 10.1; 1 Katton Lad, br. h. by Cumningham—Cuide i Mr. T. Liniston: 5-11-4 Sillestone, b.g. by Hullanico—Cuilyvore (Mr. S. Hurton: 6-11-5 S. Nattriss (2-1 fay: 3 ALSO PAN: 9-4 Fanes | January 15 o. Naturis (2-1 fav. 3 ALSO RAN: 9-4 Rinest Lawyer II), 6-1 Luctig III, Hy Flight II (p), 5-ran. TOTE: Win. 84p; places, 21p, 15p; forecast, £1.65. B. Wilkinson, 41 Middleham, *cl. 10l.

1.30 11.37) CHRISTMAS NURDLE (DNv II: 3-y-0 novices: \$204: 2m)
Reschorcegh, ch c, by Mossborcogn
—Rossana D (Mrs. A. Cibson: 1.1-1. T. Skiffington (9-4) It fav) T
Intercombe. ch c, by Aggressor—
Vanits (Lord Vestey), 10-5

J. Suthern (9-4) I lay! 2

Ciever Prince, gr g, by Crand RoiMartaldins (Mr W. A. Stubertsoci, 10-8 ... T. Shack 15-2: 3

ALSO BAN: 12-1 insubitably (4th).
14-1 Wildille (9), 16-1 Beckot, 33-1

Flaxion, Franch Tremor, 50-1 Miss Forie
[p]. Spillets Jenny, 10 ran.

tote: Win, 28p: places, 14p, 15p: duni firecasi. 51p. The Jones, of Nowmarket, 2i, 8i.

Handicap: 2680; 21 m 100yds;
The Sonian Sishop, b s. by Arctic
Slive—Honeytown (Mr O. Offver: 7-12-7

Fanatic, br h, by Milesian—Heliza
(Mrs W. MocDonald), 7-10-0

Sionde Viking, ch g, by Royal Oust—
Pendle Pearl (Mr A. Walson),
19-12 ... Mr K. Gray (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Skidby Miler (p),
7-1 Scotta's Boy (f), 11-1 Panzer (p),
6-7-12 ran. TOTE: Win, £1.02: places, 29p, 24p. 26p. N. Crump, pj Middleham, 1 d. 6i. Miss Isla did noi run. 3.0 (3.5) CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Olv III: Novices: 2304: 2m)
Master Scorchin, b p. by Coldhill—
Miss Scorchin i Mr E. Halmshaw).
10-5 ... P. Broderick (3-1 Vavi 9
paim Job, b g. by Pretendre—
Lacquer (Mr W. A. Slephenson;
11-11 ... T. Suck (3-1)
Tinker's Plea, ch p. by Lr Diec D'Or
—Twileen (Mr E. Collingwood).
(9-12 ... A. Filat 114-1) 3
ALSO DAN: C.2 Schnwick Sovereign 9-12 A. Film 114-1 3 A.S. RAN: 9-2 Stanwick Sovereign 14th (. Culberge, 5-1 Pirgo, 7-1 Hope-ful Subject, 10-1 Acgont Song 19-, 12-1 Plarmigen (ft. 14-1 Muntana, Vilai Venture, 11 ran. venture, 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 24p, 27p, 77o, M. W. Easterby, al Malton, 61, 8h hd.
TOTE OOUBLE: Resshorough, Franch Wood; 213,80, TREBLE: Clicquol Signal Tho Beelon Bishop, Master Scorchin; 222,70.

1: 5-y-n novices: \$273: 2m)
Lord Creystoke. b g. by Ruyal
Palm-Lalama Lady (Mrs Ga
Sandford). 10-7
Fox Run. ch c. by Cluar RunToxilght Fancy (Mrs V Porsor).
10-7
Shepherd's Oay (Mrs V Porsor).
20-7
Shepherd's Oay (Mrs R. HealtShepherd's Oay (Mrs R. HealtCute), 10-7
J. Heine (11-4)
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Crockery. 14-1
poppywee (4th), 20-1 Lilitic Gnat, Daybrook Jane, 25-1 Aek for Roger, 35-1
Sy Mi. Mistress Riamoy. Polo Fam.
Estude (p), Heath Rill. 15 ran.
10-15; Win. 21p; places, 15], 15p. FOIE: Win. 21p; nices, 15h, 13h, 18p. C. Ilichards, al Pearith, 6l, 2l, Clover Cottage and Lady Cynshay did not run. 1.15 | 1.16 | STANTON STEEPLECHASE | (landicap: 2540: 35m) (Handkap: \$240: 2'am General—
\$parlot, b m, by Spartan General—
The Charlot iMr T. Jenks',
'2-10-7
Nember Engaged, b g, by Odorum—
Neonalitan Lou (Mr E. Gorrasci,
'2-10-10 J. Barlow (7-4 co-lay)
Loup Gervier, b g, by Le Loup
'Garou-Polyannio (Mr J. Sunnert, 12-10-2 ... P. Oavjes (4-1; 2
ALSO RAN: 7-4 co-lay (oresail in).
3-1 The Decra (4)11, 5 rsn.
LOUE: Win San (orecast) C 15

* Wolverhampton

124.45 (12.51) WESTON HURBLE (Olv 1: 5-y-0 novices: \$273: 2m)

1.45 (1.4d) ALBRIGHTON (Handicap: \$544; 21-in) Velk Rayals. Ch 0. by Sarbaty
Piralo—Kaic's Chaic! (Mr G.
Hackling:, 7-11-5

Garllessow K. Barnfilott! (4-1 fay: 1

Carllessow, br 9. by Sea Wolf—
Lare! Locf (Mr W. Loyot., 7-12-0

Mr H. J. Evans: (15-2) 2

Chentar Mark. ch m. by River
Chanter—Query Mark (Mr O.
Darting). 7-10-0

Mr O. Oerling (7-1) 3 Mr O. Oerling (7-1) 3
ALSO RAH: 9-2 Leeward (t). Rononns, 10-1 Light Master (4th). Plobur.
13-1 Trail Blazer. 20-1 Master Blarney.
25-1 Hight Heritage. Uncle Monty.
Ceitic Oelight. Arctic Scholar (p). 13
ran. TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 94p, 93p. Dr. G. Backling, at Chellenham. 2.15 (2.17) ASTRURY STEEPLECHASE (Hovices: £1.199: 3rt) (Hovices: £1.199: 3ru;
Dofffe Ceal. b g, by Sea Moss—
Stainion Cates (Mr P. Parkinson),
b-11-12 (I. Dickinson (5-2 gav) 1
Brown Admirel, br g, by Rangello—
Dream of Durrow (Mr H. 2cisel.,
i-11-7 ... J, Burke (11-1)
Paisboy, ch, by Poll Mall—
1 arp-theoper (Mr A. Bowman),
S-11-2 bl ... J, Haido (100-301 3

ALSO FAN: 11-4 Our Edition (11. 57-1 No Delenco (4th). 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 28p: forecast, £1.05. J. Berry, al Lancasier, Nk, 2l.

11-10-1 ... D. Cartwright 17-21 b ALSO RAH: 3-1 fav Neilier Edga 14th). 15-2 Madison. 7-1 Second Redeemer, 14-1 Dungarvan Jewel, 50-1 Abbey Wood 8 Ruh. TOTE: Win, 56n: nisens, 20p. 16p. 20p. dual forecast, £1,05. R. Army-tane, al East Risely. 61, 71. Mallyhoura Hill and Hard Cash did not run. 3.15 (3.18) WESTON MURDLE (DIV II: 5-y-0 novices: £372: 2m)
Stief Authority, b g, by Arcike Kanda-Vandor, IMF T. Dilent, 10-7..... J. Burke (evons fav) T. Boale Slangy, b g, by Scau Tudor—Tarquin's Enthress (MF A. Crodan', 11-0 S. A. Taylor (7-4) 2 Linle Seck, b g, by Little Buskins, Lazy Fanny (MF J. Friday:, 10-7 L

13.50 (12.321: RISSY STEEPLECHASE (Handicae: \$443: 2m)

Market Rasen

1.0 (1.02) ALFORD HUROLE (£170: Cm)
Timbe, gr c, by Quorum—Gamble in Gold IMr J. Craigt 7-11-5

Starry Clester, ch c. by Starry Halp—Darby's Ciri (Mr P. Curlis) 3-10-5

Sea Dregon, gr g. by Pendragen
—Ocean Express (Nr J. South-brit 10-11-10

S. Hotland towers fav. 3

ALED RAN: +1 Anglessy Reyal

TOTE: Win: 580; places. 17p. 23p.

12p. F. Carr. et Malton. et. bd. Winner, was bought in for SOO guiness.

1.50 11.52; KIHCERBY HUROLE 14-90; £510; 23-pu)

Doc B'Orleane, ch. c. by Ballymose —8300 Azur (Mr A. Cox; 11-0)

Srowmouth, ch. walthnamer 11-4; Srowmouth, ch. g. by Midstummer Hight. II—900bio Pans (Mr A. Brawster) 11-3; Srowmouth, ch. g. by Midstummer Brawster) 11-3; Srowmouth, ch. g. by Midstummer Hight. II—900bio Pans (Mr A. Brawster) 11-3; Srowmouth, ch. g. by Midstummer Brawster) 11-3; Srowmouth, ch. g. by Mr A. Brawster, ch. g.

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First round at last stutters to completion

The remaining first round ries the Rugby Football Union north knockont competition will be decided today when Streatham/Croydon are at home to Richmond and Northampton receive Gosforth. In both cases it is the visiting club who should figure in the second round draw on Monday.

Already through to the last 16 are bath, Bedford, Blackheath, Bristol, Coventry (the holders). Gloucester, Liverpool, London Irish, London Scottish, Moreley, Morpeth, Moseley, Rosslyn Park and Sale. It is typical of the un-satisfactory organization that the competition has taken nearly three months to stutter through its opening stage.

The four clubs engaged this afternoon have waited nntil the last possible date aod Northampton will now be wlahing they had less formidable opponents. Northampton have been beaten at home in successive marches by Wasps and Harlequins and they will be without the England under-23 flanker Graham Phillips, who was injured on Boxing Day. Cannon moves from lock to replace him and Lutter is brought into the second row. Vincent is preferred to the England under-23 captain Raphael as booker. Raphael as booker.

Raphael as booker.

Gosforth will be strengthened by the return of Dixon, the England flanker, who has recovered from the facial Injury which required 22 stitches after the second England area trial at Headingley. Dixon Uttley, the British Lion, and Robinson the captain, form the redonbtable back row of a pack which has Scotland's Madsen at booker, and the England trial player Colin White at prop.

With the experienced Young at

With the experienced Young at scrum half, and the pace and strength of Carr on the wing, Gosforth, who travelled overnight with a squad of 21 players, should have too much fire nower for the have too much fire power for the struggling Northampton team.

struggling Northampton team.

Richmood should also be too experienced and robust for Streatham, who won the Surrey cnp, then defeated the Sussex titleholders Lewes for the right to challenge London's most successful club this season. Ralston, who missed the floal England trial, and the Barbarians game at Leicester, because of his troublesome knee injury, will be back to lead Richmond. Mertick will continue at flanker for the absent Bucknall. But the Cambridge University prop Ed. Cambridge University prop Ed-wards has a rash and if be cannot play either Slattery or Adam will deputize.

The ambitious Streatham club, led and coached by John Suther-land, the former Surrey wing, know the extent of their task—they crashed 25—3 to Richmond at the Athletic ground in September.

Meanwhile full backs make the news in today's limited club programme with two contenders for the England full back position on view in London-Richards has his first semior game since breaking its jaw in September, when Wasps meet South Wales Police at Sudpars, while Hare, his rival in bury, while Hare, his rival in England's final trial last week, will be in the Nottingham side against Blackheath at the Rectory Field.

With a place for a full back fill available in England's trainlng practice at Twickenham next week, Jorden can further his claims when Bedford receive Rosslyn Park. He sbould get a good test be-cause Codd has now returned to his old full back berth after a long spell at centre for Rosslyn Park. spell at centre for Rossivn Park. He changes places with Saville, who iromically left Blackheath last year because of limited opportunities to play in his favourite full

The England No 8 Ripley will be In the side before departing for a two-week skiing holiday. He will fly back midway through his holifor the Twickenham get-

Morrell has a shoulder injury and misses Moseley's game against Birmingham, Griffiths taking his

Liverpool, one of the clubs boping for a financial boost from a home draw in the knockout secood round, meet Birkenhead Park—a fixture dating from 1877. Roughley, their England centre, is back after a fortnight's absence with injury for this 189th match between the two clubs—Park having claimed the most scalps with 98 wins to date.

Dalglish doubtful for match with Kilmarnock

Rangers and Ceinic face Ayrshire opponents in the Scottish League today. Leaders and champions for nine years. Celtic are away to Kilmarnock: Rangers, two points behind their great rivals, are at bome to Ayr United.

bome to Ayr Umited.

Celoc beat Kilmarnock 5—0 in Glasgow in Augost, but Kilmarnock, who are managed by a former Celoc player, Willie Feroie, are not without bopes of halting Jock Stein's men. In August Celoc's last four goals were oot scored until the last 10 minutes and last week Kilmarnock led Dundee United 4—0 before letting United score three quick goals.

Celoc leave a silent fitness doubt Ceinc have a slight fitness doubt about their striker, Dalglisb; Kil-marnock will be unchanged.

Rangers beaten 4—3 by the partime Airdriconians last wek, are
almost certain to make changes.
Quintin Young, the former Coventry City player, will bave a test
on a bruised foot to see if he can
face Ayr. Seventh in the league,
Ayr will be unchanged.

Whentian only two points be-

Ayr will be unchanged.

Hihernian, only two points behind Rangers and still challenging for the title, will again be unchanged for Aberdeen'a visit.

Squash rackets

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19-0; S. Flynn beat M. N. Henf,
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Barbarians have it at their fingertips

Rugby Correspondent Leicester 4

Barbarians 43 The Barbarians, playing the sort of brilliant football behind the scrummage that is in keeping with their loftiest traditions, won a spec-tacular victory at Welford Road yesterday by two goals, a penalty goal and seven tries to a try.

It la a scoreline falsely suggestive of a rout, and doing scant justice to a Leicester pack that manled and rucked with spirit, organization and good effect. But when it came to skilla and speed and flair in to smile and speed and flair in midfield only one side had the cutting edge. Moreover, in the second half Blyth was able from full back to make some electric entries into his line, and Duckham playing on the right wing, found firmer going underfoot to give him a launch pad for some devastating running.

Duckham, Blyth and Preece each got a brace of tries, Warfield, Ripley and Weston one each. And the whole piece was threaded together by a man whose only icore was the last conversion, made to ironic cheers—McGeechau.

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Dn the end of Weston's unselfish service, McGeechan, with bis excellent distribution and innate ability to choose the right option, brought out the best in his Eoglisb centres, and on occasion sparked off some exciting ruoning from deepest defence. Procee and Warfleld, with their contrasting skills, could develop into a potent combination for England. Only Wood behind the Barbarian scrummage bad an off day. Little went right for him, and it may bave been difficult for anyone observing bim for the first time to believe what a good footballer he undoubtedly is.

The scoreline implies a busy and

undoubtedly is.

The scoreline implies a busy and fruitful afternoon for the Barbarians's loose forwards, of whom Neary, swift to the breakdown, eager in attack and endlessly constructive, was the outstanding member. Rowell's bald bead was ever to the fore in Leicester's ranks, not least at the front of the line-out, and Willars, playing his farewell game for the first team, Ringer and Forfar were often conspicuous in the open.





Preece (left) and Duckham: two with a brace of tries apiece.

Allen burrowed away in zealous alliance with his forwards, Duggan stepred a third Duckbam try with a line coper tackle from the opposite wing, and Money, kept husy at follback, was never lacking in the control of the in spirit.

The All Whiring, Black. Feidlim McLoughlin (younger brother of the Irish international, Ray), Ripley and Neary all had a band or more in the first try scored by Blyth from a line-out. Blyth could not convert it down the wind and drizzle which Leicester chose to face, and which defeated three attempts by the loone captain, Wheeler, to the ltome captain, land penalty goals.

Leicester compounded these misses by giving sway three prints with a late make hy Money on Wood, Blyth kicking a penalty goal, and then by making a hash of their own line-ont possession. Ripley plundered it into their 2S to set up a ruck, Preece made a half-incision and Warfield burst imperiously clear on his inside. It was not an easy day for place kicking, but Blyth bad little excuse for missing this conversion.

The Barbarians made it 15-0

at balf-time when McGeechan, from a scrummage, brought off a dummy scissors with Preece and then dominied a pass to Warfield before sending in Preece on his inside. It was all made to look very simple. Leicester now got their salu-

tary score, Wheeler and Allen

capitalizing on a breakdown and Duggan backing through to best Blyth to the touchdown. Wheeler's kick at goal hit a post. Then Neary set off on a dazzling run down the middle direct from a long Leicester throw, and fimished it perfectly with an Inside scoring pass for Preece. Blyth scoring pass for Preece. Blyth had a simple conversion from in

It was Blyth who got the next try after Duckham bad gone round his man but bad been checked by Money. Duckham notched number five when his own cross-kick set up a maul, and Rodgers and Weston put him clear.

John Dawes would bave admired the Barbarian running out of their 25 and the speed of their finger-tip passing in the middle. He would have liked, too, the way in which Warfield switched the direction of strack with a long page added.

for a last pass to Duckham. Next, Whiting sem Duckham dri ing down the touchline from a line-uut, and Ripley was up on the inside to slide an elongated frame across the line on its own momen

Leicester, ever willing, deserved better luck than to see a tapped penalty now rome unstuck. Neary and Jenkins made the most of it, Duckham agaia sriled majesticilly into the opposing 25, and Weston capped an honest performance by accepting the last pass on the inside. McGeechan kicked his goal, and only a Scrooge could have felt deprived of his money's worth.

LERCESTER: R. Money, J. Busgan, B. Hall, K. Brutowrill, J. Peer, B. Jones, J. Allen: R. Gowing, P. Woeler, Ray French, G. Adv.; P. Rowell, P. Ringer, G. Willars, D. Forfar,

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Scrum half and deputy hurt at same time excellent tackle. A charge by

By John Downie
Glasgow 3

A storming finish enabled
Ediaburgh Schools to beat Glasgow Schools at Westerlands by
two tries to a penalty goal yesterday after Glasgow had led from
the fifty-secood, minute and
several times threatened to go
farther ahead. Before that Hunter,
twice, and Ure had missed good
penalty chances for Edinburgh,
and their scrum half, Hurst, bad
lost the ball in the act of tooching
down for a try six minutes after down for a try six minutes after

down for a try six minutes atter the start.
Glasgow's worst moment came after 22 minutes when Brown was knocked out in a tackle and, having lain still as play continued for more than a minute, was helped from the field. Not only did Brown combine the roles of scrum half, captain and place kicker, but the first off with fine too lare for a

and the regular scrum half in-stantly proved his fitness on return with a fine cover tackle on Hewitt on one side of the field and re-sourceful disposal of the ball from an Edinburgh hack-and-chase attack to the other end of the goal-line.

attack to the other end of the goal-line.
With Thomson kicking well, if perhaps too often, downwind, Glassow sot well on top in the second holf. They wasted a chance six mloutes after the interval when a long kick by Thomson forced Ure to carry over near the posts, but Glassow were penalized in the five-yard scrum and immediately ofterwards lo a ruck.

After 52 minutes Edinburgh, off-

After 52 minutes Edinburgh, off-side at a ruck, gave Brown bis first shot at the posts, and he put over a magnificent kick from 45 yards out and 15 from touch. Ure then missed an essier chance for Edin-burgh. With two minutes and hair, captain and place sicker, but the work of the called off with fluctors late for a deputy to be summonied, and stopping time left. Burst broke strong half among those on the field, took a knock while Brown was stretched out.

Happily, the flanker recovered to work the scrum for the three to work the scrum for the three to work the scrum for the three to make the scrum for the three to work the scrum for th to work the scrum for the three minutes Brown was off the field before Dunkley felled Gill with an

excellent tackle. A charge by Robertson was held at the goal-bne, and from a scrum there David Davidson picked tip and scored. From the kick-off Edinburgh inter-passed up the middle, Jim Calder was held at the goal-line, and passes from a ruck sent Gill striding joyously in for a further try.

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Referee: A. M. Rosie (Hillbead).

Eastern Counties slip off the hook

By Peter Marson

Eastern Counties 6 Middlesex 3 Eastern Counties Schoolboys won Eastern Counties Schoolboys won a marrow victory by a goal, to a penalty goal, against Middlesex in a vigorous, well-fooght match on liford Wanderers' ground yesterday. This was the first of a series of games to be played during the Christmas bolidays. Kent are Eastern Counties' opponents on Monday next, and Surrey oo New Year's Day. Middlesex take on Surrey and then Kent.

As the dark clouds hustled by

As the dark clouds hustled by overbead someone said that we were lucky that the rain bat beld were lucky that the rain ban bein off, and this was true, for the ground was already boggy in parts. But, perhaps, a lessening in the strength of the wind would have been greater appreciated, for its force directed tactics, and in the main restricted play to one half of the field.

ing time, and in this sphere Thomas and Middlesex suffered most. With the wind at his back in the first half, Thomas had given Middlesex the lead with a simple penalty goal from in front of the posts when Counties had fallen off-side in the ceotre of the field following a ruck on their 25. It had been his only success from three attempts before helf-time. In the first minute of the second half Thomas's fallure to send the ball hetween the uprights from 1S yards our and in front of the posts may have allowed Counties to slip off the hook.

the hook. Coundes fielded a big XV, fore were lucky that the rain batt beld off, and this was true, for the ground was already boggy in parts. But, perhaps, a lessening in the strength of the wind would have been greater appreciated, for its force directed tactics, and in the main restricted play to one half of the field.

It gave the place kickers a sicken-

combination Middlesex seemed better organized and more in tune. Rafferty and Crame played well at half back, and Bryan, providing inspiration in the centre, must have been satisfied with the unceasing effort of a hard-working pack of

(ppswich), T. J. Rollin-Mason (Stowe),
MIDLESEX: A. J. Gwyther (MIII
Rill); B. Walnwright (UCS), B. Lallfer (UCS); T. Bryan (Humpron Ga.
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Rofforce; P. J. Wakefield (London); Referee: P. J. Wakefield (London).

Rally by Kent comes too late to matter By A Special Correspondent

Kent 15

Surrey dictated much of this game, particularly in the loose, but a late second half rally by the but a late second half rally by the Kent pack made a closer contest of it, although by then they faced a lead too big to overhanl.

Surrey scored first. A penalty on the half way line was driven 30 yards through the Kent side by Bates; he passed to the centre, Hoolaban, who fed the ball back inside to Hydleman on the wing for a try converted by Pritchard.

Minutes later a Surrey heel against the head saw a superb break by Thornton, who fed to Hydleman for a switch pass to Andrews, who scored a try. Then

the defeoce papping. Good attack-ting by Thornton again put Hook-han away for a try. Princhard con-

han away for a try. Pritchard converted.

At this stage the bonours were equal in the scrummages and lineouts, but with Surrey faster and more superior in loose play. Kent's reply, late in coming, was a penalty goal by Bodenham on his second attempt, a Surrey player having moved at the first. Shortly after this Pritchard kicked a penalty, making the half time score three points to 19.

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Where a good footballer must also be a good citizen and his manager somebody special

There is no team like the Glasgow Rangers

faith manager in its 101 year institution.

The heads of an elk and a bison glare at each other across the top of the marble staircase in the Rangers' main stand at librox Park, Glasgow. The stand was erected in 1928 and contains some of the finest examples of art deco surviving in Scotland. One does not expect to find art deco at a football clinb, but the Rangers are not like any other football clinb. They are the patriclars of Scottish football, with a tradition no other club can match; the clinb insists on a code of conduct from its members, on and off the field, that no other club could enforce. Every Saturday, as the players take the field, they know they are representing the Protestant faith, the Masonic ideal; and enormous crowds come to watch them do it. Rangers are the visible symbol of a method of thought, a way of life, and they embody a concept of total authority.

ority. Rangers were built on dis-ipline and character. Rang-

"The Rangers manager, by image, was somebody apart from ordinary mortals—proud by nature, remote by character, respected by all, completely wrapped up in the image and good name of the club. A somewhat phostly figure who commanded from his eyrie at the top of the marble staircase." The words are those of Willie Waddell. He wrote them in the Scottish Dolly Express in November, 1969, the day after the Rangers bad dismissed. David While, the "boy David", who, Waddell wrote, was unfit to manager this Gollant of a club. Six days later, Waddell was appointed in his place. He is the Enagers' fakth manager in its 101 year his football ability. You must be going at each other across the top of the marble staircase in the Rangers' main stand at Brox Park. Rangers' took the League Rangers' main stand at Brox Park. Rangers' took the League Rangers' main stand at Brox Park. Rangers' took the League Rangers' main stand at Brox Park. Rangers' took the League Rangers' main stand at Brox Park. Rangers' took the League Rangers' main stand at Brox Park. Rangers' took the League Rangers' main stand at Brox Park. Rangers' main stan

In 1970 Rangers took the League Cnp off Celeic, the first tropby they had woo in four years, and in 1972 they won the European Cup Winners' Cup in Barcelona. Again Waddell chose a moment of victory to resign, handing nver team affairs to fris coach. Jock Wallace, and assuming the title in general manager for himself. Within a year his foresight was rewarded, and he was given a seat oo the board of directors when Matthew Taylor tool: over as charman.

"I resigned from Kilmarneck "I resigned from Kilmarnock

"I resigned from Kilmarucck because the game was developing in a way that I did not like. The individual was cetting bigger than tha club. Waddall was getting too much publicity. This is a continulog threat in football, and it was happening at Rangers wheo I arrived. Certain individuals had to be scotched." Willie Headerson and Jim Baxter both shaved off their moustaches the day Waddell arrived, but it did not save them.

In the next two years Waddell cipline and character. Rangers were great and something special every day of the week. Their conduct, their demeancur, had to be exemplary. So the man at the bead of thet empire had to be

professionals from 44 to 29. "I like to keep tight with numbers. You can give them more individual attention if there are fewer of them, you can atteod to their characters as well as their football skill. I don't base my judgment of players purely on their performance on the field. They must be good citizens, good characters as well as good footballers. Before I huy a player I always make sure that he has the standard of conduct that we expect. Some boys learn from their fathers; we bave Eric Caldow'a son here, and Ralpb Brand's."

The mon Waddell most admires Bill Struth. He managed the Rangers from 1920 to 1954, the last eight years with half a leg ampu-tated. "When Struth spoke, your knees knocked. He was able to demand from bis players things that we cannot demand today. Players have lost their sense of Players have lost their sense of tradicon, but we try as much as possible. They want managers who will train with them, talk about pop music with them." Waddell'a distaste for this sort of echivity is a clear motive behind his moving to general manager, where he can fine players who are seen with socks rolled thown, or shirts outside shorts.

Newtrally the ruthless way that

side shorts.

Naturally the ruthless way that tradition is invoked has its result un the field. The Rangers playing tradition has always been based on strength and intimidation. Visition teams find that the pegs in their dressing room are deliberately placed 6ft 6in off the ground, so they feel small before they even go out to hrave the Rangers orowd. To stand in that crowd in this age of catenactic and total football is to be transported back to Wolverhampton in the 1950s. Waddell plays with three small orthodox wingers. Tom McLean, Jim McKean, and Cutty Young, who hare

bers. and boot the hail over to the far idual post where a centre forward in the berolc mould, Derek Parlane, throw, himself about like a caber in an effort to poke it into the net. in an effort to poke it into the net.

Each player in the team oas a weli-defined role. Unlike his friend Harry Catterick, Waddell does believe in the modern orthodoxy which states that every player should possess every skill.

Die modern tendency that Waddell has not spurned is capitalizing on frioge activities that a club with a name like the Rangers can cash in on. Under Waldell, the Rangers empire has ennamed, till it pene traces into most of the brisure act

empire has emanded, till it pene traces into most; of the bisure act vides of the fatthful. He founded the Rangers News, a weekly paper with a circulation nudging 40,000. The Rangers Social Club is the top billing in the West of Scotland for any entertainer. And the Rangers Pool is the largest club pont in the world, with a turnover of nearly £2m.

But the major goal has not been

But the major goal has not been achieved. In spite of all Waddell's efforts to make the part live again, the one element that cludes him is winning that in former years Rangers assumed as their ostural right. Celoc have won it for the last nine seasons, and although the Rangers challenge is much closer this year, there is no real conviction about the way the team plays.

Waddel helieves that if the team

waddel helieves that if the team continue to live and play according to the traditional virtnes, success will follow, for "in that word tradition lies the secret and power of the Rangers". But the question remains—will victory, if it comes, be sweet ecough to justify the years in which the tradition has been worshipped, but the Rangers have been second best?

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Gold price rises to record \$195½ ahead of private American buying

Gold rose to record levels io the Loodon bullion market yes-terday. It clusted at \$1952, up \$3 from its last quote on Christ.

Although conditions were described by dealers as thin, there was still a surprising amount of husiness in view of the Christmas boliday period.

Buying was encouraged by expectations that there will be a burst of speculative interest from January 1 wheo United States citizens are allowed to own the metal.

However, Senator William Proxmire, who is expected to he the next chairman of the senate banking committee which bandles gold legislation, also said yesterday that he will seek legislation in the next Congress requiring the United States Treesury to sell 25 million ounces of gold during 1975.

Senator Proximize described the present government plan to

the present government plan to sell only two million ounces on January 6 as "far too feeble". It would oot balt the speculative momentum which has already developed.

If Senator Proximire's proposition of the speculative momentum which has already developed.

sals were accepted by Con-gress, the sale of 25 million ounces on the free market would bave a significant effect on the price.

Annual world prodoction of gold is between 35 and 40 million ounces. The Soviet Union bas to recent years sold further substantial amounts.

Two of the largest United States commercial banks bave said they will oor initially take part in buying and selling gold. Spokesmen for the Bank of America and the First National City Bank referred to the costs associated with transactions in that they might do that, but oo the metal, as well as the serious a very small scale—to dampen investment risks, as factors the market."

Kuwait reassures UK

on oil and investment

Rahman al-Atigi, Oil Minister, torbidden, has announced that Kowait will

never reduce oil production to

the point it hurts the United

States or Britain. These two countries "are the best and

most secure places for Kuwaiti

In a news conference at his

bome, Mr al-Atiqi indicated also that his government was

not in a berry to nationalize foreign oil company interests in

"Owning the companies is a secondary issue now and sell-ing our oil through participa-

tion agreements is much better

oationalization ",

Kuwait owns 60 per ceot

of foreign oil company opera-

pump 2.6 million barrels of crude a day. This will provide an annual income estimated at around \$8,000m (about £3,478m)

The government has never given the amount of its sur-

plus revenue or where it is invested; but Mr al-Aoqi admitted that a substantial portion west to the United States and Britain.

He said: "Switzerland im-

investments", he said.

declared.

Kuwait, Dec 27.-Mr Abdut investments by foreigners were

deterring them from participa-tion in the market.

The Bank of America, the world's largest bank, also said that it would not make loans for

that it would not make loans for the purchase of gold or accept gold as collateral for loans.

However, both banks atressed that their decision not to deal in gold bad only been taken for the time being. Io the loog term they might be interested to action as intermediaries in the gold market.

Another bank, Manufacturers Hanover, said that ir had "studied the matter and a number of proposals beve been

ber of proposals beve been made to us, but at this point we are not inclined to participate in any of them".

United States Treasury officials have long insisted that gold should be treated as a commodity like any niner, and the government's decision to permit private ownership of the metal is in accordance with this in accordance with this

But the latest announcements suggest also that the authorities are determined to prevent a rush into gold in the new year and to keep the price fairly

stable.
In an interview in the latest issue of the International Currency Review, Dr Nicolaas Diederichs, the South African Minister of Finance, said that he did not foresee gold being officially revalued. The price of gold would rise, be said, but only in the free market.

ooly in the free market. When questioned on the attitude of the American government be said that, "the only real danger to buyers of gold is that the United States Treasury might decide to place more of their gold on the international market. My own per-sonal view is that it is probable

States and the United King-dom as the best and most secure places for Kuwaiti in-

vestment of surplus income abroad , he said. We shall oot and must not

reduce oil production to a limit

where this reduction might harm the interests of these

Mr al-Arigi indicated that Kuwait would continue to seek higher oil prices to compensate for inflation. "We can only ask for higher prices for our oil in order to adapt our resources to our oeeds". he

said.
The soaring prices of manufactured goods hed led to an increased Knwaiti budget because the purchasing value of

cause the purchasing value of the dollar was about half of

what it was two years ago. Mr al-Ariqi said that Kuwait's

commitment to the Arab world and military expenditures had

also contributed to the budget

increase. This was an apparent reference to Kuwait's promise

reference to Adwarts promise to halp finance the military needs of Egypt and Syria in any oew war against Israel. Returning to Kuwait invest-ments, Mr al-Ariqi repeatedly stressed the safety factor of money invested in Britain and

Leading US economic indicators in

1.5pc drop

Washington, Dec 27.—
America's composite iodex of leading economic indicators decliced by 1.5 per cent in Movember to 166.9 per cent of the 1967 average, the Commerca Department announced today. It was the fourth consecutive moothly declice io the index.

Also, tha October decline initially reported as 1.3 per cent was revised downward to 1.9 per cent.

Six of the eight available indicators for November declined while two improved.

There were decreases in the average work week; initial claims for unemployment insurance; oew orders for durables;

per cent.

plant and equipment orders; in-dustrial materials prices, and building permits.
The ratio of price-to-unit labour costs and stock prices

showed increases Trade deficit: United States merchaodise imports exceeded exports by a seasooally adjusted \$113m (nearly £49m) last mooth, the Commerce Department of the commerce of the comm ment announced.
The November trade deficit

follows an unexpected surplus of \$29.4m io October and compared with a surplus of \$194.Sm vear earlier.

The deficit for the January November period was \$2,430m compared with a surplus of \$768m for the corresponding period last year.

Luports of crude oil and perioleum products declined in

petroleum products declined in November to 185.3 million barrels, which cost \$2,120m from 191.8 million barrels in October at e cost of \$2,180m.

Although the United States

bad a trade deficit in November, the Commerce Department said, the November seasonally adjusted exports total of \$9,060m was a record, exceeding the previous high of \$8,660m set the month before.

The Commerce Department

set the month before.

The Commerce Department said the November trade figures, wheo calculated on the basis used by most other oations, showed a deficit of \$709m compared with October's \$544.7m deficit.—AP-Dow Jones.

More ships

ordered

by Arabs

tries in the Middle East are

showing increasing interest in acquiring both tanker and dry

cargo tonnage. Yesterday Hyun-dai Shipbuilding and Heavy In-

das Shipbunding and Heavy Industries, of South Korea, said is bad received orders valued at \$80m (£34.7m) from Kuwait Shipping Co for construction of five general cargo ships each of 23,200 tons deadweight.

All five results are schoolyled

All five vessels are scheduled

for delivery by August, 1977.

The latest package follows ten contracts placed by the same company with Hyundai last month in a deal worth \$156m.

The ships involved have been designed by Govan Shipbuilders, which received seven similar

which received seven similar orders from the Kuwait com-

pany soon after Govan was established, for delivery this

Meanwhile, another Kuwait shipping concern, Arab Mari-time Petroleum Transportatioo Co has asked the Oaks-based

shipbroking firm of R. S. Platoo

to arrange the purchase of seven supertankers for Arab oil-

year and next.

named Arab country.

Midland workers press Chrysler for urgent discussions on threat of three-day working

Shop stewards at Chrysler's Midland car plants are to press for an urgant meeting with the management after reports from Scotland suggesting that all the group's car factories would be put on a three-day week next mooth. This could mean shorttime working for 15,000 out of a total labour force of 28,000.

Three-day working throughont January has already heen announced for the bulk of the company's 7,000-strong Scot-

tish labour force.
Yesterday a Chrysler spokesman said: "I cannot confirm or deny reports that our Coventry plants are going on to abort-time when the men return from their extended Christmas break. But I suppose such a move would out be unexpected as our Scottish and Midland plants depend upoo each other for many of their components.*

Workers at Linwood, Renfrewshire, and Ryton and Stoke, in the Coventry area are not due to return to work uotil January 6 because of e combi-nation of extra Christmas holi-days and officiel layoffs.

Shop stewards from all three

plants bad arranged to meet the most severe yet by a British year. But even at Ford there the management two days after the restart to discuss production cutbacks already enforced. dustry that even larger layoffs to the most successful British-hased carmaker in the most severe yet by a British year. But even at Ford there are signs that the most successful British-hased carmaker in the most severe yet by a British year. But even at Ford there are signs that the most successful British year. But even at Ford there are signs that the most successful British year. But even at Ford there are signs that the most successful British year. But even at Ford there are signs that the most successful British year. But even at Ford there are signs that the most successful British year. was oow much more urgent and they would press for a meet-ing early next week.

ing early next week.

Production at Ryton is down from a peak of 3,500 cars a week to 2,500 and at Linwood, from 2,200 to 1,700 a week. Despite this stocks of unsold cars are piling up.

A Ryton shop steward said last night: "We believe the decision has already been made.

decision has already been made to put us all on a three-day week. The announcement was made early in Scotland because they do not celebrate Christmas like we do.

"I think in their case man-agement wanted to get it over with before the new year. In our case, and apparently in line with a loc of other Midland companies, Chrysler has put off the evil day until after Christmas.

that 700 white-coller workers are to be made redundant, we are now clearly worried ebout the jobs of the lads on the shop

floor." Chrysler's Scottisb cutback is

pliers—there are 2,000 or so io a wide range of industrial

Sectors—is particularly grim.

While the unions will undoubtedly press the employers' organizations and the Government for "work sharing"

policies through short rime rather than direct labour cuts, it is doubtful whether some of the leading components sup-pliers can avoid redundancy announcements for long.

Essentially the difference between the situation now and

the three-day week arising from

the power crisis last year is that firms were then myiog to

forcise the motor industry sund, all the solutions and, and the solutions which makes the solutions which makes the solutions which makes the solutions are solved to solve the solutions and solved the solutions are solved to solve the solutions and solved the solutions are solved to solve the solve the solutions are solved to solve the solved the solutions are solved to solve the solved to solve the solved the cuts in production and manpower. Car stocks are reported to be getting out of hand at Chrysler and Vaushall.

Fore has been helped by its industrial troubles, which left it short of stocks abroughout then the compared of the control of the cont

and redundencies will follow early oext year.

Vauxhall is generally thought to be the most exposed after Chrysler, and, despire the injection of government finance, British Leyland's chances of avoiding layeffs are growing, slimmer by the week.

Industry sources said last night that December, sales of new cars will be 33 per cent down on December, 1972. The comparison is made with December, 1972. The comparison is made with December, 1972. The comparison is made with December, 1972, because the comparison of the government failed to help the industry, Mr. Joseph Compared with nearly the oil supply crisis.

Over 1974 as a whole, home sales will be 29 per cent down, with new car registrations of 1,260,000 compared with nearly gloomy 1975 outlook which is forcing the motor industry and farmonization of the government's employment, policy, according to the suppliers to made unreast.

Reuter. Chrysler, Erance's production

they can gen off the ground."

Mir Marsh, said: the railways

were reaping the harvest sowr

by the refusal of successive

governments, to consider the

country's transport requirements for more than a short

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imact for more than six mouths, because of the conflict between the short term problems of pyermaent and the long term.

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To make matters, worse,

during the past decade the industry's remit from the state.

bad been an owen-simplified commercial one and so we have suffered all the agomes of

state of the industry; Mr Marsh

is optimistic about the future.

Board.

None of the five-year invest-

Fisons' chief heads CBI overseas

committee Mr George Burton, chairma of Fisons, has been appointed the Confederation of Briefsh Industry's enlarger overseas committee, which wa formed by merging the forme overseas and overseas invest overseas and overseas invest mear committees. Six Derei Ezra, chairman of the Naciona Coel Board and Six Jame Barker, chairman of Unigate are to be deputy cheirmen. The committee is expected b become involved in such issue as the European Elconomic Commentity's negotiating stance if the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade talks.

Occidental names Saud buyer of \$9m stake

Occidental Petrolcum Corpor, and has confirmed that M. Ghaith Ebaraon, an Aral hasinessman, had purchase abur one million Occidentatorium one transportation occidentation the burer was oot named. A report from a Middle Eas publication said that M Pharaon, who heads the Saud Arabiao Research and Development Co, had paid about \$9e (about 14m) for the stock:

Yarrow chairman's plast Specialist warship builders Yarrow (Shipbuilders), one o the companies listed for nation almation, will presente Covers ment to preserve the company expertise. In a newsletter, St Eric Yarrow, the chairman sast he would stress the importance of the human element in the formulation of takeover plans.

French bonds for Iran

Iran intends to buy \$80n (nearly £35m) worth of Frenci government bonds, probably it the form of a loan to the French Electricity Utility, an officia at the Prime Minister's office told Reuter in Raris.

Pan Am speculation

A spukesman for Par American World Airways sait he could neither confirm of deny a. Breoch, press. repon that: Iran was negotiating to buy a majority share in the financially troubled airline

German jobless hope West German unemployment mass closures and consequent redundancies." Despite his: gloomy view of the present

is expected to fall gradually dun ing 1975, although the rate is likely to exceed 2.5, per com even allowing for favourettle de velopments. In second half, of 1975. Herr Josef Spings, Lan heru:

Elta deficit doubles.

Total trade deficit of the sever member countries of the Euro pean Free Trade Association almost doubled to about \$10,000m: (about 14,310m) in 1974 hecause of highen of prices, Efte sources reported, is Geneva: vesterday: Austria, will domestic resources of oil and coal, fared best, its trade

A seat on the New York stout orchange has been sold for \$75,000 (about £32,000) or \$3,000 more than the previous sale, or November 26.

Grim outlook for car component suppliers

By R. W. Sbakespeare of four or eveo three-day working in some major car pleots after the bolidays, the outlook for the industry's supmany thousands of workers in the motor and com-ponents iodustries taking ex-tended holidays over the Christmas and oew year period, most plants were at a standstill yesterday. Some will remain halted until well into Janoary. Many have bad three or four extra layoff days added to their normal five-day break

The recession which over-took the motor manufacturers both at bome and abroad in the weeks before Christmas shows no sign of easing and there are forecasts from many quarters that the worst is yet

So far most of the components firms have tried to meet the situation by announcements of short-time working and reduced production schedules. Plans for direct redundancies have mostly been confined to white-collar

achieve maximum productions within the permitted working time, while production levels now are having to be trimmed to match falling demand. Building societies morger

cannot now go through' A proposed merger of the Christchurch, Mr Rowland Jones points out that the merger could not oow be carried and Bournemooth & Christchurch Building Society with the larger "I consider it would be Portman Building Society canan irresponsible action of the chairman to try to delay the outcome of this issue.". not now go through, it was claimed today by Mr Jim Row-land-Jooes a shareholder with Directors of the Bournemonth the smaller society.

He said that be now bad the

& Christoburch intend to attempt to adjourn until January 16 a meeting planned for next Monday when the society's merger plan is due to The directors say that they

be considered. need time to make a proper reply to a circular sent out by Mr Rowland Jones.

Mr Marsh says BR could save £54m hundred and one projects

British Rail! could! make savings of between #54or and £68m on the cost of providing oew Tocomorives and rolling stock if it was allowed to pursue a long term lhuing policy, according to Mr Bohard Marsh, the chairman of British Railways Board.

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In an action in the National Coal Board's publication, Coal

and: Emergy: Quarterly; Mr Marsh: said the average reduc-tion offenedl was oven 5 per cent which would have our the total com of new vehicles by about 3.5 per cent. Hawever, the board could non offer live year. comtracts.

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eveo if Britain could afford the resources, the carlway, could becastir, which it cannot. It is an the beginning of a second.

Interest rates fall unlikely

Short-term interest rates in Loodon are oot expected to decline in the oear future, according to the latest Williams and Gign's Managery Review. Britain scens, therefore, to be moving against the wend of falling interest rates abroad. The review anythous this to the authorizies' need to maintain a pattern of interest rates suf-ficiently attractive to prevent a large outflow of short-serm

capital. It notes that the gound has been unsettled in foreign exchange markers by the record visible trade deficit and concecu over Arab investment

pean interest cates did not show a clear mend in the mouth to: mid-December, eithough the underlying conditions suggested a continuing downward move:

balonce worsening in the extens of only \$450m. The review says, that Euro-\$75.000 seat on Walf St

posed heavy taxes, in Germany and France it was too difficult to invest money and in Japan Texaco reports 'significant' North Sea find

'A significant discovery " in United Kingdom waters approximately 116-miles north-east of Aberdeen, was announced yesterday by Texaco in block 15/16. A test well flowed at a rate of 7,246 harrels a day, a spokesman said. Higher levy: Venezuela has

its intention to Couotries. An extra \$1 a barrel has heen mentioned.

Retailers fear slump after record seasonal sales

By David Young Retail groups are preparing for a marked fall in sales after their record Christmas and an unexpectedly buoyant start to

the winter sales. Most groups report sales at record levels during the Christmas rush, but already buying patterns are reflecting the economic climate.

The John Lewis Partner-nip, with branches throughship, with branches turbustrout the country, has found that sales of "practical" goods have risen, while the purely luxury

items are slower to sell than in the past. Do-it-yourself equip-ment and dressmaking materials and fabrics have been among

the top lines. Fabrics were in good demand yesterday on the first day of the winter sale at Liberty's io Regent Street. Despite being one of the few stores in central Loodon open—most had opened on Christmas Eve and were closed yesterday—business was

"exceptional".
Selfridge's sale also opeoed yesterday, with customers filling the store.

The Times index: 64.15 + 0.15

small agents producing countries.

According to Platou's director, Mr Jan Quale, the Kuwait-based tanker company wants to buy three tankers with a further four destined for another un-By Patricia Tisdall Many more small tour oper ating firms are expected to drop out of the travel business because they cannot meet the Civil Aviation Authority's tougher bonding requirements

support of 1,500 members who were against the merger. This

meant that the Bournemouth &

Christchurch board could not

needed to approve the merger.
In a letter delivered to the directors of Bournemouth &

Travel bond

demands hit

obtain the 7S per cent vote

designed to protect customers in the event of financial failure. The increases, which come into effect on April 1, mean that travel organizers have to set aside 10 or 15 per cent of their projected turnover (depending on whether or not they are members of the industry's trade association) to fulfil the

Several companies had difficulty in finding the resources to cover the last increase which has applied since September. Although the new rates were forecast at that the there is expected to be a drop in the last of applicants because of level of applicants because of this and also as a result of the expected fall in holiday traffic

next year. The bonding system came under criticism effect the collapse of the Court Line group. Although funds were adequate to repairiate strauded holidaymakers they were not sufficient to reimburse clients who had not rest travelled. who had not yet travelled.

Meanwhile the larger and better established holiday organizers are reporting a high level of advance bookings for oext year. Poor weather in Eritain this summer has encouraged many people to book their bolidays abroad next year, according to one expect. ing to one expect.

British Airways, which with Sovereigo and Enterprise inclu-sive bolidays is one of the (arg-est in the field, says its research shows that bolidays have takeo over from cars as the top prior-ity for family spending. In the week ending December 19 the oumber of inclusive holiday bookings through

Guarded optimism by air transport head

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, Dec 27
In his year end review of the
state of the air transport industry, Mr Knut Hammarskjoeld,
director general of the Inresoational Air Transport Association, says the very fact that companies are managing to weather the global ecosonic storm without e complete collapse shows their inherent resilience.

He sees reasons for guarded optimism in the year ahead and heyond. The immediate priority with the airlines is no longer expansion but consolidation, looking towards a more control-led growth when conditions The industry, be points out,

has already started its belt tightening. On the North Atlanric route, for example, a 7 per cent decrease in passenger traffic had been matched by a 9 per cent reduction in capacity. Also, governments had adop-

ted more realistic approaches towards regulation of the arrives, such as capacity agreements and prompt reaction to provide for fare increases.

Mr Hammarskjoeld says the quadrupling of oil prices and inflated costs have created a situation where fuel and wages now represent together about 68 per cent of operating expenditures. Although the year saw the "most drastic fare increases in the history of air transport "-

up to 30 per cent on some routes

-most companies were expected to show deficits. This was in conjunction with a sudden drop in the traditional growth pattern. IATA carriers' charter traffic was 13 per cent down and their scheduled passenger traffic rose by only 3 per cent during the year, the lowest growth ever experienced. Cargo traffic, he said was forecast to show only a 6 per

Japan Air Lines retaining Concorde option for year

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Japan Air Lines has decided to retain its option to buy the Concorde sopersonic airliner for at least a further year.

JAL has reserved options on three of the 1,350 mph, Anglo-French aircraft. The airline said in Tukyo yesterday that it had recently signed a letter of agreement with the recent partners in the project. French partners in the project, Aerospetiale to extend these options until the end of 1975. The original agreement with Aerospatiale and the British Aircraft Corporation was sigoed by JAL in September, 1965. Before the latest renewal, JAL had extended its options to

buy oo eight occasions.

JAL has been dissatisfied with Concorde with regard to

noise, economics, range and

completing the latest extensions of option, has undertaken to make new offers to meet at least some of these requirements by the spring

According to Japanese aero-space industry sources, the price of each Concorde has gone up by about 15 per cent due to in-flation. The last stated figure This, coupled with the delayes

opening of a new international airport to serve Teleso, could defer still further a final decision un whether JAL would hav supersonic transports. British Airways, with five, and Air France, with four, are the only two airlines so far to put in though hran Air and the airline of the Republic of China have

both taken options

The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results to appear in 1974.

The closing date (31st December) for the 1974 Award Scheme is now very close and we would like to remind those companies wishing to take part in the competition that they must submit their

entries by 6th January at the latest.
No further entries will be accepted: after this date.

Entries should be sent to:-Michael Mander, Advertisement & Marketing Director, The Times Awards, The Times New Printing House Square, London WCIX 8EZ.

Entries will be judged later in Farmary and awards will be presented by The Times at the conclusion of the competition.



increase nil company taxes again next month in line with e recent agreement by the Organization

How the markets moved

Rises Nash, J. P., Secs 6p to 27p 1p to 123p Beecham Grp De Beers Deld 22p tn 542p Pan Canadi 4p to 180p 10p to 590p Philips Lamp 1p to 22p Dunlop Hldgs Savny Hotel 3p tn 163p 1p to 127p Sbell 2p to 34p Highlds Low 1 p to 211p 5p to 105p Warren, J.

MIM Hidgs **Falls**

Broken Hill Bryant Hidgs 1p to 13p 2p to 74p Com Union 2p to 22p Doncaster, D. Grootviei Janes, H. C.

On other pages

13p to 475p 10p to 350p 3p to 44p 5p to 62p

4p to 134p

Ldn Brick Co ip to 17p 1p to 97p Lloyds Bank 11p to 21p Raybeck 4p to 130p Royal 3p to 40p Sale Tilocy Taylor Woodrow ip to 82p Western Areas

Equities were inactive with business at a low level. Gilt-edged securities were quiet. Sterling jumped 135 points m 2.3420. The "effective devalua-onn" rate was 21.5 per cent. Gold rose \$3 to a new all time high of \$195.50.

of \$195.50.
Commodities: Very few markets were open. In the London Bullion Market silver rose throughout the day in unison with gold. Spor was fixed at 203.90p in the morning—up 3.95p—and closed in the range of 205.00-209.00p a troy ounce. Reuter's index was at a new 1974 low. briling 2.4 to 1.1752 compared with 1.378.0 e year ago. SDR = 5 was 1.219190 on Friday while SDR = £ was 0.521690. Reports, page 19

Bank Base Rates Table:

FT index: 159.6 +0.8

British Airways was more than 50 per cent up on last year. Demand for holidays is expected to decline less than for

other consumer items.

Nhere the family's money is going

tish householder to the er's cataciysmic economic sition is being closely monied by puliticians and econ-

recent years, the treed been towards an increasing spurion of family outgoings ng spent on the less basic essities. Has this movement. pullucians are asking, been ered by spiralling food and ergy costs? And, if so, to ar extent?

The largest item in the fambudget has traditionally to fond, which, according to mear and, in particular,

Next to meat the largest m on the family food bill is iry products, such as eggs, lk, butter and cbeese, loued by fruit and yegeiles, and bread, biscuits and cals. Aliogether, these four egories accounted for £6.24 t of the £8.79 which, it was culated to the Government's mily Expenditure Sorver, s spent weelily by house-ids on food last year.

Families have found their n methods et coping with sharp increases which baye sen food prices to almost 20 r cent above last year's cls. Traditionally they oply substitute, whenever saide, the closest cheaper

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The tables showing unit trust

John Drummond

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PERCENTAGE OF WEEKLY EXPENDITURE

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	£ weekly expenditure	Housing.	Fuel, light & power	Food	Drink	Clothes & shoes	Durable household goods	Transport	Tobacco	Services
1964-66 1971-73	£21.01 £35.14	11.42 13.00	6.28 5.78	28.27 25.01	4.09 4.70	9.38 8.94	6.43 7.29	11.7 13.83	5.66 3.93	9.38 9.85

excluding mortgages: see text Source: Family Expenditure Survey

The effectiveoess of such first quarter of this year when

12 per cent above the equiva-lent for 1973 against a general rise in food prices of nearly 19 per ceot. There was a distinct suift in purchases away from some of the more expensive types of food to cheaper foods. There are, bowever, some products such as bread for which there is no real substi-

Saible, the cleasest cheaper uivalent.

This is particularly noticele, as any butcher will testiness, with meat. When beef lees exceed what is censidered to be a support of the consumption of the price of the consumption of the consumption

Cheese, where consumption economies is noticeably ref-lected in the statistics for the son per week in the first first quarter of this year when quarter of the year, rose to incomes were pinched by 3.85oz in the second quarter

> frozen fish and canned soups, for example, continued to rise, even during the dark months Food marketers are used to dealing with variables such as these and plao accordingly. What they are not necustomed to having to take into consider-ation is the effect of abortages

This year near havoc has been created in several product fields, notably toiler paper, sugar, bread and salt by

has disrupted supply calcumediately hit by rises in petrol of weekly expenditure, the sit-lations already finely balanced and purchase price. At the parion this year has largely by rapid cost locreases. The same time many one-car house been note of settling dewn full extent of this disruption holds, they say, are turning to after the gramatic movements will not be known for some

Nevertheless, the leng-term trend for food purchases te give way to other items as a proportion of family expenditure seems likely to continue. Prices are still the biggest single factor and, overall, these bave risen no more steeply this year than in 1973.

Less predictable is the effect of energy price increases. Next to food, nne nf the biggest items on the bousehold budget is transport, which occupies nearly 14 per cent of expenditure against abont 12 per cent nine years earlier.

Until this year, the tendency has been towards greater use of transport, particularly of private cars. Since 1970 the percentage ef two-car beuse-helds bas gene up from 6.2 per-cent to 8.0 per cent in 1973 (against 53.9 per cent on ning

venicles. In the bnme, fuei, iight and power price increases are cer-tain in bave been a lumer element in budgets this year than hist. The tendency over the be reversed.

It remains to be seen partial central heating continues. This is said to make more economical use or energy than spot heating but requires a heavy initial capital outlay.

Up until last year central beating was ene of the fastest growing acquisitions by householders. In 1970 29.6 per cent

Report, the Government announces that it intends to

introduce twe modest index-

linked schemes in early 1975.

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Electioneering is in the air again and the Liberals promise

index-linked mortgages and Mrs Thatcher, fer the Conser-vatives, promises a 9.5 per ceet

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smailer, mere economicai cars et lue previous two years when when replacing their existing both mortgage interest rates and house values rocketed.

Berween 1954 and 1973 rent and rates nutgeings went up by almost 94 per cent. But expenolture en mortages, as calculated by the Family Expenditure Survey, went up pass moe years desired to a series of the proportion of outgoings speat on beating and lighting. But it seems inevitable that this will reflect the rise in home ewner-

Although several months will whether the spread to full or elapse before final results are available, it seems clear that the same sort of substitution of priorities, which is customary within the food field, bas spread to other areas during the year. Net only have fewer cars been booght, but heliday operators and refrigerater and coleur televisien manufacturers are also complaining of drepping sales, as necessities ence again beceme dominant.

Patricia Tisdal

Hanson Trust pledges 'vigorous' defence on claim by United Artists

Circuit—which runs the second largest cinema chain in the United States is going to court to block what it sees as an attempt to gain course of the company by Hanson Trust, Mr James Hanson, chairman of Hanson says be is astonished by the move. He promises that the group will vigorously con-test the issue if it ever reaches the courts. UATC is claiming S10m damages and sceks to restraio Hanson from buying any more shares.

UATC claims that Hansonwhich holds 28 per cent of the equity-has made what amounts to a tender offer, and violated the Securities Exchange Act by its purchasing activities. All this is denied by Hanson direc-

10 its first reaction to news in about 45 per coot of the that United Artists Theatre equity is claimed by the UATC

In a potted history of evaous leading to the present situa-tion, Mr Hanson says that his group paid £1.9m cash for its 21.5 per cent stake in UATC (428,000 sbares) in September as an investment, and filed a atatement with the Securities & Exchange Commission than it bad no present intention of acquiring control. Friendly talks between the boards bad been held with no conclusion being reached.

Since then, a block of 124,000 sbares had been offered to Hanson. These were refused at UATC's request, although UATC itself bought them subsequently. Finally tors who are advised by their New Yerk attorneys that there is ne substance in the claim and that no damage has been caused to UATC. An interest

Denain's bid for Firminy suspended after EEC ruling announcement of Demain's bid.

Paris, Dec 27 The controversial Denain Nerdest Longwy bid for Marine-Firminy shares bas been sus-

pended. Earlier the EEC decided to forbid Denain and the De Wendel Group from acquiring Marine-Firminy shares follows an approach to the authorities by the Empain Schneider Group, alse involved in the affair.

Schneider asked the Euro-pean Ceal & Steel Cemmunity autherities te restere its liberty of disposal of its 32 per cent stake in Marine, follening

However, Denain is maintaining the terms of its bid, which will go ahead ence necessary official authorization bas been obtained. Meantime, during the suspen

sion of the hid, Marine share-holders who have already offered shares for exchange will net be bound by their earlier decisien. Before the EEC prohibition,

De Wendel had acquired about 20 per cent of Marine shares in eppesition to the Denain bid.

Ingersoll-Rand sees fresh peak

The American Iegersoll-Rand greup expects sales, profits and earnings per share to 1974 to exceed the previous recerds It is not welcomed by the industry. Nor is it to be made established in 1973 when eet earnings rose frem \$70.8m to retrospective to cover policy-nolders in Nation Life who \$82.1m, or from \$4.16 to \$4.91 a share. The results however were before an extraordinary charge of \$10.7m after tax, from flood damage to some still de not know where they The 10p National Savings stamp is to be phased our over plant locations.

the next two years—to the dis-may er the 40,000 voluntary werkers for National Savings. Despite a change in invec-tory accounting to be adopted in toe Burth quarter, the board's present estimate is that the first office to introduce index-linked premiums, but they are for term assurance, 1974 sales volume should be \$1,400m and that earnings per share should exceed \$5.5 after the accounting change. Mean-while it is estimated that the kingdom investment properties net impact of this change will be about \$0.45 a share.

During the year it concluded share exchange deal with Schlage Lock Co worth about \$85m. Schlage sales in 1973 were \$75m, and net prefits of slightly ever \$5m are indicated.

Selling move by Samuel **Properties**

Stating that at the present time a majer objective is to reduce short-term borrowings to o minimum level, Viscount Bearsted, chairman of Samuel Preperties, adds that as a result the groop bas decided te sell some of its low-yielding investment and trading properties. The group, he went on, weuld net embark, at least in the prevailing climate, on any future developments unless

they are pre-funded.
Earlier this month the grosp anneunced a C42m furthing operation for its major develooments. Its annual report shows that year end net assets were down from 107p to 81p a share. This largely reflected Kingdom investment properties at £32.1m, some £7.3m below boek value. Total net borrowings last

year were up from £25m te 233.9m, shareholders' were down frem £29.6m te £22.5m—while net bank loan finance rose from £3m to

STROUD RILEY DRUMNIOND

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profits, £76,000 (£50,000).

DWA PLANTATIONS

ARTHUR LEE & SONS

GEORGE STURLA

1.034p at Treasury request.

Turnover for half year, £3.4m (£3m). Taxable profit £159.000 £278,000). Earnings a share. 2.76p (3.15p). Interim is up from 1.25p to 1.3p.

Profit for first six months, £90,000 (£100,000) after tax, on turoover ef £4.5m (£3.8m). Earn-

For year to October 31 taxable revenoe £624.000 (£526,000). Earnings 3.64p (3.12p) a share with net asset value pre-cooversioo 89p [177p]

Turnover for six months, £910,000 (5682,000), and taxable

Turnover for nice months, £343,500 (£232,000 for year). Pre-tax profits, £165,000 (£34,500).

Final dividend for year to September 30, reduced from 1.05p to

ings a share are 36.2p (39.9p).

Briefly

HAWKINS DEVS

Six months turnover £4.48m £3.62m) but pre-tax loss £19,000 (£51,000 profit). Dividend passed, last paid being in 1963. Proposals for sale of oorthern company expected "very shortly".

ML ALKAN Profit after tax £107,000 (£51,000) for year to September 30. Earnings 3.52p (1.54p) with total dividend held at 2.05p net. IAMES HARRISON

JAMES HARRISON
Including sale of development land - pre-tax profit -£293,000
(£98,000) in half to June 30.
Earnings 2.83p (1.01p) a share. Ne interim to conserve cash, but total forecast at 2.15p (1.91p), maximum allemed FORMINSTER

Toterim taxable profits £292,000 (£217,000) with earnings 6.36p (5.39p) and dividend 2.34p (1.75p). SOBRANIE

SOBRANIE

Interim taxable profit £64.000
(£104,000). Earnings excluding
extraordinary item 0.96p (1.74p) a
share. Laundry division bit by higher wages and fuel costs and tobacco business by higher interest. CENTREWAY SECURITIES

In six months to September 30 taxable profits £117,000 (£253,000). Board forecasts ere-tax for full " much higher" than previous term's £520,000. BEECHWOOD CONSTRUCTION

In half to September 30 pre-tax £175,000 (£161,000) from turoover £1.8m (£1.6m). AILSA INV TRUST

Cross income for half year, Sbeerwood Trust, b 222,000 (£213,000), pre-tax 322,815 shares (45:5 revenue, f199,000 (£183,500), Net asset value a share, 52p (116.4p). Dividend up from 2p to 2.1p gross. ing sbares proposed.

Nominee Assurance (Hidgs) has bought 2.7m shares (64 per cent) in company at agreed price of 4.5p a share from Realgrove. Offer is unconditional. RADIANT METAL

Interim profit £61,000 (£57,000) pre-tax from turnover of 5208,000

RELIANCE GROUP

Inducon subsidiary bas acquired 80 per cent el Fuel Economy Consultants, Londeo, for undisclosed sum.

CENTRAL & SHEERWOOD TST Investment banking subsidiary, Sbeerwood Trust, has acquired 322,815 shares (45.5 per cant) of M. H. Marioe, making total holding 91.25 per ceot Offer for remain-

Tea promotion body may be set up

symposium on International Tea Market Expansioo beld in Leodeo which finisbed cently. This, it was suggested, Tea Premotien Ceuncil.

dual countries, but alse the variety of forms in which tea could enter the market.

While compeditive premetien nve in increasing total consump-

true in every case. For generic promotion to succeed in increasing world consumptien, it should carried eut selectively, in markets where there were no coostraints on the consumption and promotion of tea.

A news release frem the Com-

It is expected that these pro posals will be considered by gov-ernment representatives at the

A year of setbacks, surprises and change gives a sense of security to know that these orders have The year began in gloom. Mr Healey introduces his first There was still the after-taste 1974 Budget. It his hard with pendent banking ferce. The number of banks has to be chester Insurance which steps into the breach. The year began in gloom. Mr Healey introduces has first gives a sense er security to the first, as it turned out to be, casualties in the secondary immediately, notwithstanding to know that the three biggest banking area: there was a that no details will be three-day working week; and anneunced for months. Income the FT Industrial Ordinary bonds, as predicted, are shern in distress. The rate of insurance comreduced from 72 to 15 and the first merger follows within weeks. Again, after the Page pany failures, or near failures, prompts the Government into announcing a compulsery rescue fund for the insurance industry. The cost is to he ne more than 1 per cent of annual premium income. It is not realcomed by the

banking area: there was a three-day working week; and the FT Industrial Ordinary Index had recorded a drop of 32 per cent in 1973. Little did avel abread entensively, for we realize that worse, much isiness and pleasurc, many worse, was yet te come. . . . surance policles restrict the prer to Britain—or give only ther limited cover elsewhere.

January For example, take personal ability insurance, which is steeded te meet a claim made

Cornhill Cousondated, the investment banking group, runs into trouble and its Bastion Insurance subsidiary is ordered gainst ene for accidentally aluring somebody else or amaging his property. to restrict its business and is subsequently sold. The unit as it means to go no with net sales of 53.9m, the worst since September, 1971. At the same £1,000. time the Department of Trade
issues timely warnings about society front too: it is found in deposit and fixed interest that in February there was a bends. The Government's new plans when capital values are net outflow of funds amountespect of a business or profesen, er ennersbip er eccupa-en er property and so on, nce herc, too, specimic in-

being eroded so quickly.

On the bright side, building society net receipts recever—this is to prove very short-lived—and employers get the official go-ahead for register-Usually, the most conveolent rrangement is for personal ability insurance to be included ith a heusehelder's pelicy; it hay be "free" or not cost ing their occupational pension But semetimes the insurance schemes with the Occupational Peosions Board. This, alas, quite plainly restricted to this ountry. If cover is needed turns eut te be a waste of broad, either it will have to be time. M & G's new one-year brained separately or it may be guaranteed income bond with an 11 per cent return gees
"like a bemb"—a phrase ene Because so many pelicies pply enly in this country, an could use more easily then ge" travel pelicies (whether ne is travelling on business or leasure) ioclude personal

February More trouble for insurance

ary suspension of the J. Vavasseur share price, it announced that its I announced that life subsidiary-faced assurance with income bond surrendersis to be sold. The purchaser turns out to be the Pru', se everyone is happy. Jessel Securities also spends some time and money on its insurance effshoot, London In-demnity and General, hy pumping £12m into it because of more income bond suriot be able to recover from renders. It also promises the company another form any time it is necessary; with hindsight this is the writing on the wall. f the claimant. Por instance, he claim may be settled by regountien (with er without Elsewhere the new City Friendly Society launches one of the most attractive investment schemes yet. It uses the long-established concessions of sickness friendly societies provide an investment with tax-free benefits from a taxfree fund. It has a short life expectation. Building society funds dwindle and talks start tbe Bank of England about the possibility of attracting institutional funds into societies.

which, under the Foreign Judg-meor (Reciprocal Enforcement) March

Act 1933, a judgment can be ransferred te an English court

city Friendly Society's new scheme is axed retrospectively.

Tax relief en interest is stopped, including mortgage interest relief on loans ever 525,000. Stamp duty is increased and rules relating to foreign income are made foreign income are made barsh. Basic rate tax is in-creased to 33 per cent, bigher rate tax becomes payable at £4,500, children's incomes are

ing to £15.1m and bousing a poor reception. starts are nearly 50 per cent don't oo the year.

be £21m. To evert an increase the societies decide to accept a some form of rescue operation from loan from the Governto be mounted.

June The first big shadows begin to

fall. The negotiations by Alexander Howden for Natien Life Assurance run inte difficulties over a difference in property valuations. Wa have not beard the last of this. . . .

The unit trust industry takes the threshold for the invest-ment income surcharge to from Barclays Unicorn. The beginning to send bigger from Barclays Unicorn. The beginning to send bigger main thrust of the savings in-shivers down the backs of in-

July

mortgage rate by Christmas. Labour threaters to reduce mortgage loan interest relief to basic rate tax only.
The state of the marker is beginning to send bigger vestors and industrialists alike.

Many large cempanies, included dersen -Administration buys Many large cempanies, included dersen Administration buys ing ICI, BP, Tate & Lyle and the Vavasseur First Investors National Westminster

bave now injected cash into trust group for £670,000. their company pensien funds Triumph Investment Trass Trnst puts the National Greup of unit trusts up for sale, while trusts must not put more than 5 per ceot of their assets with any one bank. But the conversion of the four investment trust companies in which the Ellerman family have a big

November

At long last there is oews for the Department of Trade Nation Life policybolders, but issues new rules that unit it is in no way encouraging. It appears that several matters bave te be reselved by the courts before any settlement is likely and the whole affair could take years. A shy rescue consortium is still waiting in the wings, however.

financial services, and

The Jessel Britannia unit trusts are sold te Slater Walker for £1.5801. brighter house finance frent. Commitments by socie ties were nearly an all-time re cord £370m in October. But the housing market is still inactive above the £15-£18,000 price

December

Assurance, Surrender values.
The Pioance Bill clarifies

the position regarding qualifying pelicies, and the clawback of life assurance tax relief on premiums after an early surrender of a pelicy. The big surprise, however, is that pen-sion funds will be allowed to reclaim tax paid on building society investments—a good

A survey by Margaret Stone of financial events during 1974.

ment with the facility te take up another £400m over the folsubsidiaries. After the temporlowing four months. The unit trust industry is

not having too hot a time, either. Unit trust values drop below the £2,000m mark. But ene good item of news is that the Labour Government has resuscitated the important Consumer Credit Bill, a victim of the previous mouth'e election.

May

It is all change once again on the pensions front. After giv-ing the impression in the Queen's Speech that the Con-servatives' State Reserve Pension scheme would be allowed to continue, it is learnt that Labour will be introducing a new pensions policy later in the year. Help! It is the third change of direction in five years.

Although funds are reviving, building societies all begin to introduce term sbares with investment rates between 1 and 11 per cent above the going 71 per cent rate.

The Government refuses to identify the 49 insurance com-Within three weeks of the ordered to place their assets snap election, the Chancellor, under trustees. Nonetheless, it them to become a third, inde-

The building societies, which stake into unit trusts boosts have agreed to take the full the unit trust industry's net 5500m loan from the Government, are en the brink of increasing the mortgage interest rate. But again they hold back in the national interest. House prices, meantime, are falling. The latest figures indicate a 2 per cent drop during this quarter in new house prices.

August

The old adage about going away in Angust seems to be singularly irrelevant at the moment. Everything is happening. There is a Green Paper on wealth tax, starting at £100,000 and a White Paper on the capital transfer tax-a lifetime tax to replace estate duty which proposes to eliminate, among many other things, the advantages of hold-ing agricultural land. These values now start to fall, fellowcommercial property

The Trustee Savings Banks find their dreams come true. The Government agrees to last year's recommendations by the

Page Report en National Sav-

ings and gives the go-shead for

September

te the basic state pansien. There is complete equality for women in the second tier, but private pension plans are wor-ried about having te produce an inflation-preof element te their pensions if they contract eut of the state scheme. Catel, an associate company Jessel Securities, negotiates buy the Jessel Britannia

October

Jessel Securities runs into difficulties. Its London Indemnity

Mrs Castle introduces her White Paper Better Pensions

with an earnings-related second-tier pension in addition

unit trust greup. The Pru' revamos Vavasseur Life inte Vanbrugh Life.

that extra f6m of cash to meet income bond surrenders and time it is London and Man- a fall of 54 per cent.

Jessel Securities sells aoether subsidiary, Life and Equity Assurance fer an undisclosed sum. Scottish Life axes its terminal honuses as from the beginning of 1975 and Scottish Widows savagely reduces its

long-term boost for the mevement.

A cheerful feomote te the year is the Government's deciand General Insurance needs sion to unfreeze commercial rents. It will ease the minds ef life effices and penslen funds, stops writing business. A res-cue operation is mounted for companies whose funds bave LIGI by 30 life effices, but dropped by more than 30 per rumours now start about Welcent over the year. The FT fare Insurance, which also has index which began the year at income bond problems. This 344.0 finished it at around 160,

Investors week

How much are shareholders' perks worth?

during the week-yesterday's marks of 1,143 being probably the lowest since the last warthere was no meaningful trend. What reaction there was was largely concerned with cempany announcements, either on trading or on Middle East ties. The FT index duly drifted down from 163.5 te 159.6 in the two and a half trading days.

* * After a peried during which prices generally bave been rising and prices on the Stock Exchange have been falling the importance which some shareholders have always attached to

With the stock market operat- the "perks" which their stake ment policy had proved disasing at a seasonally low level could command begin in a few trous. cases te make economic sense.

There are still shareholders who regularly take lengthy train jeurneys to London to attend their companies' annual general meetings and whe admit that they are there principally to enjey the beamfeast afterwards. And, although apparently more canny, there was nothing much to recommend the wisdom of one elderly West Riding ceuple I once met at the Wilkinson Warburton annual meeting, who invested only in lecal companies in erder to be able to participate at minimum expeose in any goodies going. for two once a year in a Berni They were obliged to admit that Ine or Chef and Brewer eating location as a guide to invest- place.

Moral: never invest for the perks. The cigarettes are now short supply at the tebacco ajors; Spillers and Fitch majors; Spillers and Fitch Lovell bave abandoned their food parcels, and there is no certainty that the discount vouchers which Grand Metropolitan bas sent eut with its annual report for the past comple of years will be repeated In money terms this one was. in any case, only just worth

baving. It effered a maximum

saving of perhaps £2 on a meal

for two once a year in a Berni

which that small saving repre-sented could be offset by the impact of high Stock Exchange commission rates on a very small buying order. In contrast, the discount card

which Sketchley effers to its shareholders is distinctly werth having-assuming that you normally send your clothes away to be dry cleaned.

These days yeu can pick up the 50-share qualifying stake fer £15 so that the average family, cao save around £10 a year. Increased use of the discount increases the return on your investment-and minimizes the cost to Sketchley ef the concession: in fact, the group

The increase in the dividend reckons to gain on marginal use of capacity. The 200 shares which

European Ferries requires shareholders to held befere February 1 to qualify for its 50 per ceot discount of car and passengers from Dover to Calais or Zeebrugge (er there is a 40 per cent discount on the passage from Sonthampton to Le Havre) will at the present 26p cest £52. The return depends upon the

type of car and the number of passengers, but the average family in the average saleen might save themselves £15, which makes this concession very attractive.

A ceotral bedy for the premotion of tea on a world wide basis was the main conclusion of the

coold be called the Internacional A review of the potentialities ef world tea markets revealed the net enly the wide differences in consumption levels in indivi-

menwealth Secretariat added that a great deal of research was oeeded to match the product te the market. Te finance this research it was suggested that an approach could be made to the international financing financing agencies.

next session of the Food and While compeditive premetien Agriculture Organization Inter-in certain areas could be effective governmental Group on Tea in Rome in the first half of next

perfermance nermally published on this page have been held

: Government's statistics, upies just over a quarter of · average household's weekly penditure. The most expen-e clament in the total spent households weekly on food

The

November were running at more than 35 per cent above last year's level.

reductions in overtime pay-after the introduction of the time.
ments and by three-day work-subsidy.

New

Price is net the only factor The figures show that influencing food consumption. The steadily increasing number this period rose by unity about 12 per cent above the equivalent for 1973 accepts a general construction of working wives has belied to hoost purchases of convenience foods. Consumption of canned fruit,

> at the beginning of this year. on consumer buying patterns.

paper, sugar, bread and salt by much - publicized scarcities either real or imagined.

Heusewives understandably reacted by stocking up their larders and deep freezers. This had followed by sucking up their larders and deep freezers. This had followed by sucking up their larders and deep freezers. This had followed by sucking up their larders and deep freezers. This had full or partial central heating; by 1973 the preportion bad increased to 38.5 per cent.

It is this market, according to the preportion bad increased to the meter manufacturers, which is likely to be most imformation.

April Building society woes dominate the headlines. The March net

The storm breaks with announcement that Nation Life is te ge into liquidatien. But at this the headlines. The March net stage there are hopes that the outflow of funds turns out to new system under the Insurance Companies Amendin the mortgage interest rate, ment Act, 1973, will enable

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Competition and lower margins it cause slump at Bell & Sime

The latest timber group to record a decline in profits is Bell & Sime, the Dundee-based compaoy. Sales for the first iralf are down from £1.76m to £1.67m, while taxable profits have slumped from £162,000 to 152,000. On net profits down from £81,000 to £27,000, the divideod is being held at 0.87p net, giving a rise from 1.25p to 1.3p gross.

Europe will be drawn together under 8 single control and constitute a separate company company Ltd hecomes the holding company of BOC Ltd and of all trading company net, giving a rise from 1.25p to other overseas territories.

1.3p gross.

The board say the group's profit margios were lower than would normally be the case on the scale of turnover. This is explained partly by the effect of the Government's Counterinflation Regulations, which require a margin lower than that enjoyed last year, and partly by the intense competition for orders which has existed in the past few months.

There is little sign of an immediate improvement in the immediate improvement in the geoeral level of activity in the building industry, but the group expects to he reasonably busy in the early part of 1975. Stock levels have been restricted, and the group is well placed to take full advantage of any favourable trends when making future purchases.

or Firm Dim outlook er Eff, at Brigray

After a weak start at Brigray Group, Mr H. Pilkington, the chairman gives a warning that trade generally is extremely difficult and a depressing outlook prevails. There is no interim dividend, against 0.2p gross last year, because taxable profits have fallen from £60,000 to £20,000 on sales down from

from £1.1m to £1.07m.

The board of this London-based maker of outerwear and jersey fabrics is unable to fore-cast any definite trading partern and considers it prudent to

conserve resources. The present figures take no account of terminal losses which will follow the closure of the Lutoo factory.

BOC Re-shapes

Loraine

Under an internal reorgao-leatino the majority of British Oxygeo's activities to the Unitcd Kingdom and Continental

Warning by

carcity cootinues, unit costs vill rise, making appreciable onnages of low grade or now

ocluded in reserves unpayable.

By contrast, Mr R. A. Lee, hairman of Tweefontein United collieries, a Lonrho subsidiary, ounts on a further increase in

oal output this year even hough costs are rising. But his gain will be small against

he expected fall in profits from

oe expected tall in profits from Coronation Syndicate wherein Iweefootein holds a controlling nterest. A smaller dividend seems likely and a declaration of around 40 to 50 cents in April next year is indicated.

Corocation Syndicate itself will be hit this year to cext

September by lower copper prices but the mines do not suffer the problems of South

African gold mines. The entire labour force is permanently

Prudential now owns 17 pc of Keyser Üllmann

Prudeotial Assurance Co said t now beneficially nwns 8.735m rdinary shares of Keyser Illmann Holdings, representing

7.1 per cent of the issued share apital.
On July 10, the Prudential recefficially owned 8.67m shares 16.94 per cent).

Farmac secures \$17.5m nedium-term loan A syndicate of four hanks from three countries has agreed to lend Tarmac Limited \$17.5m on a seven-year facility.

The banks involved in the bansaction, all of which have strong existing connections with Tarmac, are: The Orion Bank-

Group which has syndicated ing Group which has syndicated the facility, International West-minster Limited, Dresdner Bank AG and Bankers Trust Company.

After the change British Oxygen Company Ltd hecomes the holding company of BOC Ltd and of all trading companies in the United Kingdom and Europe as well as of those in other overseas territories.

Edward Wood offer for D. F. Lyons

Writing as secretary to D. F. Lyons, the Leeds-hased invest-ment hankers, from which he recently resigned as a director, Mr D. F. Lyons tells share-holders that the company "has been damaged irreparably, in the opinion of directors". The board and their families con-trol more than 90 percent of the issued capital. the issned capital.

As a preliminary to making an offer to exchange holdings in D. F. Lyons for B stake in Edward Wood, Manchester engineers, the Wood board has acquired all the Lyons subsidiaries. Mr Lyons will remain executive chairman of Edward Wood.

The Lyons board is strongly recommending the offer as the only way of resolving the unsa-tisfactory minority position.

Nova over the worst

Reporting a modest £4,000 keporting a modest £4,000 increase in pre-tax profits to £53,000 over the six months to September 30, Nova (Jersey) Knit say conditions in the double jersey industry continue to be difficult. But as a result of the "new coocept" in fabrics produced by retooling it is felt the company has now "bot-tomed out". But again the dividend is omitted.

The retooling has meant a provision for extraordinary obsolescence of £234,000 bring-ing about a loss after tax of

Guthrie Corp

In order to bring the interim and final payments into line, the board of Guthrie Corporation is increasing its interim £130,000 to £144,000 f dividend from 6p to 9p, and half, while the divider expects to pay at least the from 0.44p to 0.45p.

19.29p gross total paid lest year. The board also intends to offer shareholders the option of taking shares instead of cash.

The interim report will be sent ont on January 22. Chile paying ITT £54m

International Telephone and Telegraph said ic has reached a settlement with the Chilean Government by which it will receive \$125.2m (about 554m) for its 70 per contribute 55 for its 70 per cent sbare of the nationalized Chile Telephone. ITT also said it would invest \$25m in a research facility which would be a joint venture with the Communication of the state of the said it. with the Government of Chile.

Wilson Bros

Greetings cards' group Wilson Brothers show a slight advance in taxable profits from £409,000 to £412,000 for the half to September 29, bot a loss oppoperty davelopment of £112,000 (in relation to Holness Properties) against a profit of f25,000. Earnings per share in turn were almost halved from 2.1p to 1.2p. There is no interim dividend, against 0.69p.

A. B. Engineering

After-effects of the industrial disturbances experienced last winter have depressed the results of Associated British Engineering. Over the whole of last year group pre-tax profits were balved to £75,000 on sales up from £2.5m to £2.6m, but the first half shows a steeper fall, with attributable profits dwindling from £23,000 to £9,000.

Profitability has since improved, but liquid resources are still under great pressure so the group is not paying any

Troydale Industries

Turnover at Troydale Industries is down from £3.56m to £3.62m, although the board says that the years are not directly comparable because of the disposal of Bower, Roebnck and the closure of the garage business. Pre-tax profits are ahead from £130,000 to £144,000 for the first half, while the dividend is ahead

Wall Street

Cold Vines

A warning comes from Mr
W. F. Thomas, chairman of
Loraine Gold Mines, in his 19734 annual report. The mine is
unning at only 80 per cent of
the underground black completent oeeded and better terms.
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mmediate results in a better

Mew York, Dec 27.—Wall Street
stock prices were slightly lower
in light trading at mid-session.
Analysts attributed the decline to
tax selling and lack of interest.
At nooo the Dow Jones Industrial
average was 1.56 down at 603.18.
Reports at the opening that
leading indicators fell 1.5 per cent
in November, following a downward-adjusted October decline of
the work are unlikely to show
mediate results in a better mmediate results in a better upply of labour. If the labour already been discounted, analysts

New York, Dec 26.—Apparently spurred by growing investor optimism that the United States Government will soon mount a fresh attack on economic and energy problems, the stock market closed higher in quiet trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 6.34 points to finish at 604.74, following a 8.76 point advance on Tuesday. Gains outnumbered losses by about 840 to 500.

Volume rose to 11,310,000 shares from 9,540,000 shares in Tuesday's shortened session but was well under Monday's was well und 18,040,000 shares. Stocks got off to a good start and there were strong gains in the early session, but some failed to hold and were partly erased

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Bank Base Rates

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Barclays Bank	12 %
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	
C. Hoare & Co	*12 %
Lloyds Bank	12 %
Midland Baok	12 %
Nat Westminster	12 %
Shenley Trust	12!%
20th Cent Bank	12 %
Williams & Glyn's	12 %

Mombers of Accepting Houses Committee.

* 7-day deposits in excess of \$10,000 up to \$25,000 10°4°s.

Burmah deal Stock markets with BASF on 13pc stake day for in Albatros

A message from Kassel gives news that the BASF AG sub-sidiary, Wintershall AG, has bought the 13 per cent holding of Burmah Oil Co in Albatros NV, of Antwerp, for an undis-closed sum

Wintershall said it now holds all of the Albatros 750m franc capital. Meanwhile, it is also unnounced that Burmah retains the right to refine crude oil ac Albatros, which has a refinery with a five million tonne annual capacity, for some time

to come.-Reuter.

Benson's Hosiery level-pegging

With the help of extraordinary items amounting to £51,000, pre-tax profit of Benson's Hosiery (Holdings) moved slightly upwards from £343,000 so £354,000, and the met" from £151,000 to £168,000. Interim progress was checked by the shorter week and fuel crisis, and the forecast was for lower full-time earnings. The dividend is unchanged at 0.6p.

The latest accounts are the

The latest accounts are the interim period for the year to July 31. The accounting term has been extended for 18 and there were no talking months to January 31, 1975.

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Foreign Exchange

Featureless for the pound equities

The stock market's mood was quiescent rather than listless yesierday with the level of activity prohahly the lowest since the Second World War. The number of bargains marked et 1,143 well underlines this point with most stocks remaining unchanged on the day. The FT index edged 0.8 higher to 159.6 while The Times index rose 0.15 to 64.15.

Although opening margically easier at first, the industrial sector managed to close slightly sector managed to close singing ahead on balance. In insurances, the Darwin tragedy was the dominant influence with Royal dropping 4p to 130p and Cnmmercial Union 2p to 74p. The mining sector was the most scrive with gold mines shrugging off the new record hullion fix to show falls of up to 50p by the end. Mining financials by the end. Mining financials were, however, geografly firm with Cons Gold and Union Cor-

poration prominent. Trading news brought a 41p full to Bell & Sime at 501p, while Brigay slipned 1!p to 21!p, also reflecting disappoint-ment. Stores presented an opti-mistic front to the record level of Christmas spending.

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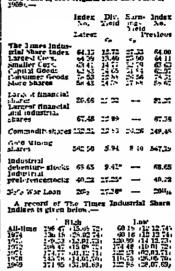
Bank 'mops up' surplus credit

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per cent. The Bank of England found it necessary to "mop up" on a small scale, selling Treasury bills both to banks and to bouses.

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the foreign exchange markets yesterday, but its rise was attributed to purely technical factors. The United States November trade deficit of \$113m depressed the currency throoghout Europe and sterling participated in a general advance.

The pound climbed to \$2.3420 from Christmas eve's \$2.3285, up 135 points on the day.

Gold rose to an all-time high of \$195\frac{1}{2}, up \$3 oo the day. Money Market

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